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FSSAI to check quality of spices sold in India

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has started taking samples of spices-mix products from across the country after Hong Kong and Singapore flagged high ethylene oxide levels. The food safety regulator said it is taking samples of spices in powder form of all brands, including MDH and Everest—the two companies whose products are under scrutiny in Singapore and Hong Kong | **P15**

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Surat of things to come as BJP gets 1st LS seat

Party's candidate Dalal elected unopposed

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

BJP Surat candidate Mukeshbhai Dalal after he was elected unopposed

THE BJP on Monday opened its 2024 Lok Sabha account from Surat by winning the constituency without any contest.

In the process, Mukeshbhai Dalal became the first candidate of any party since 12 years in a general election to be elected unopposed. The last such instance was of Samajwadi Party's Dimple Yadav winning the Kannauj Lok Sabha bypoll in 2012 unopposed.

Eight other candidates left in the Surat fray withdrew after Congress nominee Nilesh Kumbhani's nomination form was rejected by returning officer Sourabh Pardhi on Sunday.

Kumbhani's papers had purported inconsistencies in the signatures of his proposers. The papers of the Congress dummy candidate Suresh Padsala, too, were rejected on similar grounds. "As all eight candidates who had successfully filed their papers for the Surat Lok Sabha seat withdrew on Monday, Dalal has been elected unopposed," said Pardhi.

The Surat Congress, however, claimed that the entire exercise was premeditated. Surat Congress leader Pappan Togadia told this newspaper, "I alerted party leaders and the South Gujarat Congress incharge, Usha Naidu, about plot to reject Kumbhani's papers. But my warnings went unheeded. I believe Kumbhani will soon join the BJP."

While the last day for filing nomination papers was Friday, their scrutiny happened the following day. The withdrawal window for candidates closed at 3 pm on Monday.

The drama began on Saturday with the BJP questioning the legitimacy of signatures on Kumbhani's papers. Subsequent scrutiny revealed that three persons who proposed Kumbhani's candidature claimed their signatures were forged. For his part, Kumbhani alleged that his supporters had been abducted.

Curiously, Kumbhani's proposers are close relatives. All three vanished after the controversy broke. Amid a Congress scramble to legally challenge the rejection of his papers, Kumbhani left for Goa purportedly to avoid signing the papers. There is also speculation about his links with Patidar leaders Alpesh Kathiriya and Dharmik Malaviya, who quit the AAP last week and are said to be bound for the BJP.

EXPRESS READ

KSE to stay in fray, BJP expels him for six years

Shivamogga: The BJP expelled senior leader and independent candidate for Shivamogga Lok Sabha seat KS Eshwarappa on Monday for six years. The party took this action in view of his decision not to withdraw his nomination papers on Monday, the last day for withdrawal | **P4**

Committe to look into CET question papers

Bengaluru: The state government on Monday announced that a committe will be set up to examine complaints of out-of-syllabus questions being included in the CET held on April 18 and 19. Students can raise their objections to the questions till April 27 | **P5**

K'taka to get central drought aid by Monday

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Union government on Monday assured the Supreme Court that the funds needed by the Karnataka government to tackle drought will be released "expeditiously".

This assurance was given by the Attorney General R Venkataramani to the apex court bench led by Justice BR Gavai and comprising Justice Sandeep Mehta.

The AG said, "It will be done expeditiously," during the course of the hearing.

When senior lawyer Kapil Sibal, representing the Karnataka government, stressed the need for immediate release of central funds to Karnataka to tackle drought, the AG said the Election Commission of India has allowed the Union government to deal with the issue. Something will happen before next Monday.

Sibal said it is fine if it happens before next Monday. The court observed that it has to happen amicably, given this is a federal structure.

The apex court said that the Centre and states should not

fight over release of funds to tackle natural calamities.

The Karnataka government had moved the apex court seeking its direction to the Centre to release Rs 35,162 crore to tackle drought in the state.

The Supreme Court was hearing the Karnataka government's petition against the Centre seeking release of assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

In its petition, the Karnataka government accused the Centre of not providing financial assistance for drought management although it had submitted several memorandums to it.

CM SAYS JUSTICE FOR STATE: P8

CID to probe Neha murder, spl court to speed up trial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday announced that the Neha Hiremath murder case will be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and a special court will be established for its speedy trial. He told reporters here that the CID will be instructed to file the chargesheet within a stipulated time.

On why he hasn't visited Neha's parents yet, the CM said the Hubballi-Dharwad district in-charge minister has already met them. "Our party workers have also visited them. Minister HK Patil will also visit them. I will meet Neha's family members during my next visit to Hubballi," the CM said.

On BJP's allegation that the law and order situation in the state has deteriorated, Siddaramaiah said, "The crime rate has come down after the Congress came to power in the state." The CM said Neha's father has mentioned about the involvement of four more suspects in the case. "I have asked the officers to investigate the case from that angle too," he added.

Neha, 24, a student of BVB College in Hubballi, was stabbed to death on the campus on Thursday. **MORE: P4**

D Gukesh shows his Candidates trophy after emerging victorious at the event in Toronto on Sunday | STEV BONHAGE/FIDE X

Gukesh youngest candidate to vie for the World crown

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

SOME of chess' greatest names have called the coming age 'the era of Indian chess'. The Polgars, Judit and Susan. Former world champions, Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen. Former Candidate winner, Boris Gelfand, and the only two-time winner of the World Cup, Levon Aronian... they have all heaped praise on the next generation of Indian kids.

They were all proved right in the early hours of Monday as D Gukesh, all of 17, completed a logic-defying, history-being-rewritten three weeks in Toronto as he became the youngest ever winner of the Candidates tournament, an elite eight-player field that identifies the next challenger (Gukesh will face Ding Liren later in the year for a shot at immortality). The Chennai boy became only the second Indian after Anand to win the event.

In the 14th and final round inside the city's Great Hall, Gukesh, sole leader by 0.5 points, drew against Hikaru Nakamura after 71 moves. Nakamura, one of the pre-Candidates favourites, needed a win to stay in contention. With white, he gave it his all but never got change on a day when Gukesh stayed rock solid till the very end.

While that draw put Gukesh on the brink of victory, there was another match going on on the table next to theirs. It featured Fabiano Caruana and Ian Nepomniachtchi, two players who had been joint second coming into the final round. Both players needed a win while hoping the Indian didn't win. They got the first wish but the win just wouldn't come for either of them. Both of them kept at it gamely and agreed to draw after a marathon 109 moves and six hours of match play.

It feels remarkable that if it wasn't for an elite-level tournament arranged in short notice, Gukesh wouldn't have qualified. The Tamil Nadu government played a helping hand in bringing the event to Chennai.

This Candidates title completes a remarkable turnaround for the GM D Gukesh. From August, he had been on a downward spiral. Post a loss to Carlsen at the World Cup, he had felt out of it. "I wasn't in a good mental space," he had said. Now, he must be in the good mental space. **MORE: P17**

HC nixes 24,600 school teacher jobs in Bengal

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE Calcutta High Court on Monday cancelled all appointments of teachers and non-teaching staff recruited through the West Bengal School Service Commission's (WBSSC) State Level Selection Test-2016 (SLST-2016) after it found that bribes were paid to secure recruitments.

The order will cancel more than 24,000 appointments. About 23 lakh candidates had appeared for the SLST-2016 for 24,640 vacant posts. A division bench of the court comprising justices Debangsu Basak and Shabbar Rashidi directed the CBI to investigate and submit a report.

The court had ordered a re-evaluation of the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets of candidates from the 2016 recruitment exam after it received petitions alleging irregularity. The re-evaluation brought to light that many of those selected were recruited against blank OMR sheets. Those recruited in such a way must immediately surrender the salaries they have drawn to the jurisdictional magistrate, the court said in its order.

The bench directed the WBSSC to initiate a fresh recruitment process.

Reacting to the court order, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said her government will challenge the 'illegal' verdict. "The court verdict cancelling all recruitments is illegal. We stand by those who lost their jobs. We will ensure you get justice, and challenge the order in a higher court," she said. Training her guns on the BJP, Mamata said: "It has turned the courts into their extended party offices. If the BJP files a PIL, prompt action is taken and people are sent to jail. No action is initiated when others file." She went on to allege that people aligned with the BJP are given important positions.

Former judge Abhijit Gangopadhyay who joined the BJP recently said: "I have said in my verdict earlier that the Mamata government is corrupt. I thank the Calcutta High Court bench for giving such an order. Now a can of worms will be opened."

Gadag murders: BJP neta's son among 8 held

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

POLICE arrested eight people, including local BJP leader Prakash Bakale's elder son Vinayak Bakale, on Monday in connection with the murder of four members of the Bakale family in Gadag on Friday night.

According to police sources, Vinayak gave Rs 65-lakh "supari" to seven people to kill his father and other members of the family. The "supari" killers have been identified as Fairoz Qazi, 29, Zeeshan Qazi, 24, Sahil Qazi, 19, Sohail Qazi, 19, Sultan Sheikh, 23, Mahesh Solanke, 21, and Wahid Bepari, 21, from Miraj in Maharashtra. **P5**

Kharge prestige at stake in son-in-law's fight

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

CONGRESS chief Mallikarjun Kharge is not contesting from the Gulbarga Lok Sabha constituency but he is putting all his might to win this SC-reserved seat, which he lost in the 2019 general elections. That shocking defeat dented his image as *Solillada Saradara* (one who has not tasted defeat). And to reclaim his reputation, Kharge has fielded his son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani in Gulbara. For the octogenarian, Kalaburagi (formerly Gulbarga) is his *karma bhumi*, which elected him 10 times to the Assembly and twice to the Lok Sabha.

Doddamani is also Kharge's brother-in-law as he is the younger brother of Radhabai Kharge. In line with the popular saying in Hindi *Sari duniya ek taraf, joru ka bhai ek taraf* (The whole world is on one side, wife's brother on the other side), Kharge has already addressed public gatherings twice in Kalaburagi in the past month, and is visiting again on April 24. The veteran leader gets daily updates from Doddamani, while his son Priyank Kharge and strong follower Dr Sharanaprakash Patil are sweating it out in the scorching summer heat to ensure victory.

The Congress has systematically planned Doddamani's election campaign. While the party has claimed credit for implementing the five guarantees and amending Article 371-J for Kalyana Karnataka Region, Priyank and Sharanaprakash have been meeting caste groups and working classes separately.

Also, people are sympathetic towards Doddamani because of his soft manners and he is using the strategies that Kharge used to win Assembly and Parliament elections.

But the BJP is equally determined to retain the Gulbarga seat and has fielded the sitting MP Umesh Jadhav, who defeated Kharge in 2019. It was from Kalaburagi that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the saffron party's election campaign in Karnataka on March 16, the day the Election Commission of India announced the Lok Sabha poll schedule for the country.

However, Jadhav has to square off anti-incumbency. Sensing the mood against him for not being able to bring projects to Kalaburagi, PM Modi launched a mega textile park in the district last year and two direct trains between Bengaluru and Kalaburagi recently. During his tour of villages, Jadhav is seeking votes for his work as well as for Modi's achievements.

Of the eight assembly constituencies in the Gulbarga LS constituency, six are represented by Congress MLAs. The remaining two are shared between the BJP and the JD(S).

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

To up voter turnout, tourist spots in Mysuru to be shut

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

WITH campaigning gaining momentum in Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, the election authorities are leaving no stone unturned to ensure a robust voter-turnout on April 26.

In a proactive move, the authorities have decided to shut tourist spots, including the renowned Mysuru zoo and Karanji Lake, in the constituency on polling day to encourage people to take part in the festival of democracy without fail.

Accordingly, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru zoo, has announced that the zoo and Karanji Lake will remain closed for the public on April 26.

This decision, though aimed at preventing a dip in voter turnout due to holiday distractions, also underscores the significance of every vote in shaping the region's future.

The city's hospitality sector has also taken measures to incentivise voting. Hotels and restaurants in Mysuru have come together to offer discounts and special packages for voters who visit them after exercising their franchise. This initiative not only adds a festive touch to the civic duty of voting, but also encourages people to engage in the election process actively. **P8**

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Tuesday :** 23.04.2024 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Purnima 4.01 am • **Nakshatra:** Chittha 9.35 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER — MIN 22°C | MAX 37°C — **FORECAST** Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 06.02 am | Sunset 06.33 pm | Moonrise 06.08 pm | Moonset 05.26 am

RESIDENTS UNITE TO STOP BOREWELL DRILLING FOR PG UNIT

Five public tubewells in Ambedkar Nagar but four of them dry

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

Residents of Ambedkar Nagar who stopped the drilling of a commercial borewell next to a public one, that catered to hundreds of people in the locality | EXPRESS

ALARMED by the drilling of a borewell next to a public one that catered to hundreds of people in Ambedkar Nagar in Whitefield, residents united to put an end to the drilling process.

The borewell was being dug by a builder from Andhra Pradesh who is constructing a paying guest (PG) accommodation. Though the builder obtained permission from the Karnataka Ground Water Authority (KGWA) to drill a borewell, residents argued that the motive is solely commercial and is next to a public borewell that caters to the water needs of hundreds of residents.

Madhusudhan H, a resident said there is a public borewell that was recently serviced, and if a new borewell for the private building is permitted, the public will suffer. "Hence, we are forced to protest, and we urge the police to take steps. The owner showed us the permission he obtained from KGWA two days ago, but how can officials be insensitive? When the city is reeling under a water crisis and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has already issued orders that no borewells can be drilled, KGWA is giving permission. The owner did not know that if there are objections from the local residents, then the permission would be cancelled," said Madhusudhan.

Slamming the KGWA, Sandeep Anirudhan, coordinator - Subcommittee - Illegalities and Violations, Whitefield Citizens Ward Committees, said, "This is a notified area; hence, no permission can be granted for any purpose other than the drilling of public borewells. In extreme cases, for domestic use. But this area has Cauvery pipeline connections, so permission cannot be granted for borewell drilling. This is a construction site, which is why water will be used for construction, which is banned. Finally, the building is a commercial PG construction; hence, it is absolutely not allowed."

"There are five public borewells in Ambedkar Nagar and four of them have gone dry due to overexploitation by PG builders. Now this is the last remaining functioning public borewell. There has been no Cauvery supply for more than a year, and the entire layout is dependent on this one public borewell. If this PG builder drills his borewell next to it, then this one will also dry up. That is why the public is so agitated. Some of the PG builders are so reckless and irresponsible. It is time there is a mass movement against such things," said Anirudhan.

NGO SUPPLIES 50,000L OF WATER IN TANKS TO SLUMS IN NORTH B'LURU

'Active Bengaluru' supplies water to a slum in North Bengaluru. It has come as a saviour to the residents of several slums in the city | EXPRESS

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

'ACTIVE Bengaluru', a non-profit organisation, has come as a saviour to the residents of several slums in the city this summer. The organisation is supplying water to these residents to tide over this harsh summer.

'Active Bengaluru' is supplying 50,000 litres of water at the doorsteps of the residents of slums in North Bengaluru, including in areas like Thanisandra, Hegde Nagar, and Saraipalya, every alternate day.

Like other parts of the city, close to 6,000 public borewells in these areas have gone dry this year.

Members of 'Active Bengaluru' supply water in four water tanks (2,500-litre capacity each) mounted on mini-tempos.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Tauseef Ahmed, a volunteer with 'Active Bengaluru', said, "Under 'Project Zam Zam', the slum population in North Bengaluru is being supplied water free of charge. The project began in March, and till date, over 12 lakh litres of borewell water has been supplied. The residents of these slums are prone to infection. Lack of water could cause dehydration in residents. Hence, we took up this initiative."

"The water is collected from good Samaritans from their borewells, and the same is then supplied to the slums. The residents have been told to call the emergency number of the NGO to place a request. Based on the number of calls received from an area, a vehicle is sent. In each tank, about four taps are fixed, and residents are asked to come in a queue and collect water," said another member of 'Active Bengaluru'.

"The NGO mostly deals with policy issues, women's empowerment, health, and education. Shortage of water directly impacts the health and education of children. We decided to do our bit to address the same and joined hands to supply water to the needy," said another member of the organisation.

Water distributed at railway stns to help beat heat

Bengaluru: For the last three days, the Railway Protection Force took on an additional role at three railway stations in Bengaluru, distributing free cups of water to the public during afternoon hours inside trains and stations to help passengers beat the heat. A senior railway official told TNIE, "To help passengers, the Commercial Division of the Bangalore Railway Division and the RPF with the support of NGOs joined hands to relieve the discomfort by supplying people water." Senior Divisional Security Commissioner, Bengaluru Division, Devanshu Shukla said, "We have launched the 'Free drinking water for passengers' service at Yesvantpur, KSR Bengaluru City and Bengaluru Cantonment since April 20. So far, we offered water to nearly 2,600 passengers. The initiative is done in co-ordination with NGOs, BOSCO and DCPU. RPF has always served railway passengers and this is one more initiative in this connection."

BWSSB to adopt AI-based water monitor system

Bengaluru: For the continuous monitoring of groundwater levels in the city, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is set to adopt an AI-based Advance Ground Water Monitor System. It will be developed in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Central Ground Water Board, said BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasat Manohar. The chairman stated that a groundwater task force will be formed at the water board. "The groundwater level of the city will be continuously monitored by this task force. This technology will help us obtain information about groundwater, areas in which water is available abundantly among others," he added. "Scientists at IISc will take lead in the development and implementation of AI and IOT technology to be adopted in the construction of this groundwater monitoring system. The technology will be used for the collection of information, analysis of data, compilation of necessary information and reporting," he added.

LAND CONVERSION

BDA lists 279 illegal layouts on its website, cautions public

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THE Bangalore Development Authority cautioned the public not to buy sites or houses from 279 unauthorised layouts in the city. It released the entire list on its website on Saturday in a bid to create awareness about them among the public.

Illegal layouts refer to agricultural land that have been converted into residential ones without following these three steps: taking the requisite permission for conversion from BDA for change of land use, consent of the Deputy Commissioner for conversion and the BDA's approval for layout formation, said BDA Town Planning Member L Shashikumar.

The TPM said, "Public who are investing so much money to buy sites or houses in any layout should cross-check all these aspects. We repeatedly urge the public to carry out these checks to ensure their property is legal." Most of these illegal layouts are vacant sites with roads, drains, site numbers and other infrastructure in place with few of them having houses built on them, he added.

A senior Town Planning Member told TNIE, "Of the 279 layouts, 52 are in Bidarahalli Hobli, 16 are in Yelahanka Hobli, 29 are in Jala Hobli, 41 in Kengeri, 4 in Uttarahalli, 53 in Jigani, 14 in Begur, 5 in KR Puram, 29 in Sarjapur and 8 in Varthur."

Giving details, Shashikumar said, "A special team was constituted comprising members of the TPM department as well as engineer attached to the Engineer Member's department to arrive at the exact number of illegal layouts within the BBMP and BDA limits."

He added, "Many seek approval from the panchayat and they give the consent though they are not authorised to do so. If water supply and electricity are not provided to layouts which are not illegal, it would be easy to control them." Illegal layouts or buildings are demolished when detected but there is no specific law to punish them.

WORLD EARTH DAY

Leave a greener, cleaner planet behind

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH the city grappling with rising temperature this summer, the message for World Earth Day is quite evident—adopt sustainable living and protect the natural surrounding. From plantation drives, social media campaigns, and lake cleaning activities to creating awareness about the ills of spitting, the citizen groups collaborated to reflect the shared commitment towards the cause.

The Indian Ploggers Army–a citizen-led initiative that organises regular plog activities, on the occasion of World Earth Day cleaned three lakes to welcome the upcoming monsoon. Over 130 individuals came together to remove plastic items and trash near lake inlets at Sarakki Lake, Pannathur Lake and Ulsoor Lake. Plogman G Nagaraj said, "We choose lakes as we are hoping for rain soon and before that happens we wanted to ensure that no plastic enters the lake body."

Meanwhile, Vani Murthy also known as 'WormRani' for her composting and waste management, appealed to residents saying, "This Earth Day we must play a role to prevent desecrating our public spaces. My appeal to all of you is to play a role to prevent people from desecrating Mother Earth by spitting on roads. Spitting brings shame to our country. Lets respect our planet by easing out this bad habit," she said.

A man rides his bicycle past the 'Save Earth, Save Yourselves' mural

Beautiful Bharat- a volunteer group, also created awareness about the social evils of spitting on the roads through a video. "We have reached out to a larger section of educated people, seeking their support to make it clear that public spitting is no longer acceptable," said Odette Katrak, Co-founder of Beautiful Bharat. 60 riders from Azad Bharath Riders rode for a noble cause to Bommasandra Lake and planted over 100 saplings to enhance the biodiversity of the area.

Texts to be sent to voters via IVRS, SMS

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ON the background of the Lok Sabha Elections, messages will be sent on mobile phones of voters in Bengaluru through IVRS and bulk SMS, requesting them to vote without fail on April 26, said District Election Officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath. "A lot of steps are being taken to increase the voter turnout and several awareness programmes have already been conducted. Work is being done to create awareness among voters by formulating plans at grassroots level in the respective zones," he said.

He also added that information on property tax payers in Bengaluru city limits which is available in the revenue department of the corporation will be used to send messages through IVRS and bulk SMS to vote without fail on April 26. Besides, specially-abled and senior citizens in the electoral roll of the city can register themselves through Saksham software for advance reservation of transport arrangements. They can register for the same on the Saksham software till 5 pm on April 24.

Human chain, march held to create voter awareness

Bengaluru: The District Election Officer and Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath formed a human chain and awareness jatha at Hoysala Ground in Yelahanka New Town to create awareness about the Lok Sabha elections. A foot procession, along with dance performances like dollu kunita, veeragase kunita and chanting of various slogans were also part of the awareness drive. While the students marched on foot, officers/staff and citizens were on two-wheelers.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23RD April : Mercury is meeting mystical Neptune. This is just the sort of alignment which raises deep desires from the depths of our souls. I have heard Neptune called the planet of ultimate truth, in that whenever it's active, we are faced with the realities we'd usually rather ignore. Still, we can always look the other way!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You seem to have quite a good business sense, not to mention an uncanny ability to see the right way through the sort of financial maze which often confuses other people. You should understand that it's all a question of distinguishing fact from fantasy.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The key to the moment is pleasure. This doesn't mean that life should be one endless party, but that you should make a point of enjoying everything you do, including the most routine chores. This is not an impossible dream - and it's also one of the best ways to increase your quality of life.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Some people around you seem far too lively at the moment, but they're living in the past, not the present. It's about time they woke up and realised that the correct question to ask is: 'where do we go from here?' If a dialogue is necessary then it may be up to you to get it going.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You must understand that once you have got your own way a certain number of times, it is up to you to encourage others to take first place. The difficulty is judging when it is the best moment to make the switch and, for this, an impeccable sense of timing is now required.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Not everything is as it appears. In fact, surprising as it may seem, to some people, your sense of self-esteem can suffer as much as anybody's. Now is a good moment to look at ways in which family members have eroded your confidence, even unintentionally, and do something about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There are right decisions and there are wrong decisions. Sometimes there is a grey area in the middle, but at the moment the choices seem to be polarised, and you may have to come off the fence and commit yourself. Some people would say that it's about time!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's all very well imagining that you can compromise for ever, but if you don't act to secure your happiness, nobody else will. Romantically, it's up to you to take the initiative as soon as possible. There may be hidden costs, but that's always a risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If you're planning activities for the future, go for anything which is guaranteed to be sociable. Bear in mind that as the months pass your desires will change, and what makes sense now will be very different indeed, so build in a little flexibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It looks as if you are about to reach a point of no return professionally, or in any major ambition, even a leisure activity, which is designed to secure praise and recognition. It all now depends on what you know, and you can no longer rely on personal contacts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The very fact that your planetary aspects are so few and far between is enough to convince anyone that what is important now is that you begin to shape your own future. Start to make long-term plans, allowing daily details to sort themselves out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There are strong suggestions that your social life is set for some improvements. This time around, a friend or acquaintance is also due to boost your financial prospects, but you must be prepared to take the lead. There's nothing to be gained from sitting at home waiting for the phone to ring.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The emphasis in emotional relationships is now moving on. You are bound to feel more intense but, at a superficial level, money could also be a pressing issue. It's vitally important to determine who is responsible for what, in all joint financial connections.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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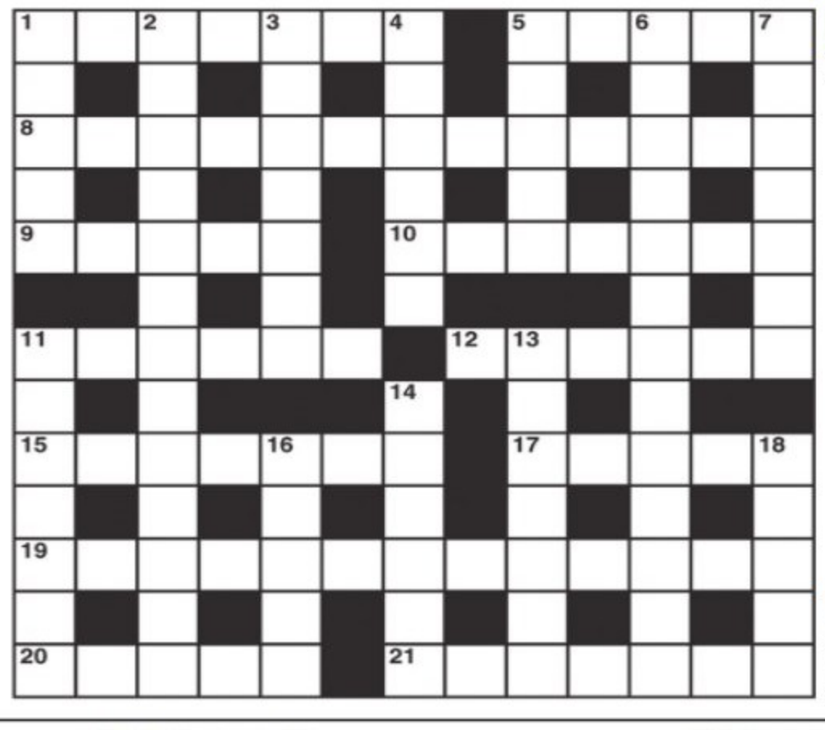
SUDOKU MEDIUM

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Health-giving cooking device (7)
5 A young animal has it in some measure (5)
8 It takes over lines of communication (7,6)
9 A rope-spinning display on stage (5)
10 He keeps saying I get it so mixed up (7)
11 Cut down chesty complications (6)
12 Accent which may need polishing? (6)
15 Look after a new hotel for the Moor (7)
17 Works to make dough, say, to satisfy these? (5)
19 No reason for helping others? (7,6)
20 A rough downy that's arranged (5)
21 It is pressed into use for distribution by air (7)

DOWN

1 A trunk with tangled roots (5)
2 Be a good citizen and neighbour to a policeman (5,2,3,3)
3 The way bargemen walk (7)
4 Comes to a similar conclusion (6)
5 This item before us appears strange (5)
6 Brilliant young plantsman? (7,6)
7 Sort of settler to give support (7)
11 He backs Poles in track appearance (7)
13 Sounds like a private bitterness that's harboured (7)
14 Girl in a shop I refitted (6)
16 Ordinary people from Italy (5)
18 Time for some magic (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Datum, 8 Black eye, 9 Trade, 10 Eastward, 11 Evils, 12 Wet, 16 Tiptoe, 17 Unreal, 18 Don, 23 Smart, 24 Minatory, 25 Utter, 26 Canberra, 27 Arise.

Down: 2 Aurevoir, 3 Undulate, 4 Please, 5 Acute, 6 Regal, 7 Ready, 12 Wed, 13 Tun, 14 Prompter, 15 Fairness, 19 Ornery, 20 Smack, 21 Inane, 22 Steer.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

REMYR

SUDEO

RSTNWE

BRUDAS

MENU
HOT DOG
PIZZA
NACHOS
CHIPS
CANDY
SODA
I'm going to the room. I may take a nap.
Would you get me a soda first?
2/24
THE RESORT WAS POPULAR WITH THE 18TH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET AND WAS GREAT FOR ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORCE PROVE FRUGAL DEVOUT
Answer: The bald guy said he was too broke to buy the hairpiece, but really he could — AFFORD "TOUPEE"

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The state government has invited suggestions and recommendations from the public and stakeholders on the State Education Policy (SEP). Those interested can write to the committee on: Karnataka State Higher Education Council, No. 30, 3rd floor, Prasanna Kumar Block, Y Ramachandra Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-56009; or email on: sepc.stakeholders@gmail.com

TRAFFIC FIX

Motorists passing Tannery Road will see some relief in the months ahead, with a new railway underbridge coming up near the busy thoroughfare | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

NH ACCIDENT: DAD SAVED FAMILY, BUT DAUGHTER WAS BURNT ALIVE

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

DESPITE his best efforts to save his daughter, who was stuck in a van engulfed in fire after it toppled, Tharun Patel (43) could not. However, he managed to save his wife, two other children and parents with the help of the public.

In the tragic incident that occurred on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru national highway on Sunday night, Patel lost his 16-year-old daughter, Divya, who had just completed SSLC and was waiting for results. Eight members of the family, which hails from Gujarat and is settled in Dasarahalli for many years, had gone to a relative's house in Abbigere for dinner on Sunday.

The family outing turned disastrous when a speeding car rammed their van from the rear on the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) Bridge in Madanayakanahalli on the highway. The van toppled thrice before catching fire as the petrol tank was damaged in the crash.

Tharun Patel was driving the car while his father Shanthilal (65) was sitting next to him. Patel's three children -- Divya, Mayank (19) and Naman (20) -- were sitting in the rear seat of the van while his mother Manjula (65), wife Sunitha (39) and brother Mahesh (46) were sitting in the middle seat.

Narendra Patel, a family member, told *TNIE* that Patel managed to come out of the vehicle first and rescue his dad. "With the help of other commuters, Naman and Mahesh were also saved. But Divya was burnt alive in front of her family members," lamented Narendra Patel, adding that the condition of Mayank, Sunitha and Manjula is critical as they sustained severe burns in the incident.

> **With the help of other commuters, Naman and Mahesh were also saved. But Divya was burnt alive in front of her family members**
>
> Narendra Patel, a relative

Tharun and his son Naman are also undergoing treatment for injuries at a private hospital in Nelamangala, his father and brother, who sustained minor injuries, were discharged on Monday morning, police said.

Nelamangala Traffic police are on the lookout for the driver of the car, who abandoned the vehicle and escaped. It is said that he was also injured in the accident.

HC upholds state's ban on hookah sale

ENS @ Bengaluru

TO ensure public health, the Karnataka High Court upheld the February 7 notification issued by the state health and family welfare department, imposing a blanket ban on the sale of hookah in any form in public places across the state.

The court said a session of hookah is more harmful than a pack of cigarettes. Hookah sessions are said to be around an hour with an estimated 200 puffs per session, which is equivalent to 100 cigarettes.

"Every packet of cigarettes must contain a warning that it is injurious to health... but Hookah does not. Therefore, the action of the state is in strict consonance with Article 47 (obligation to ensure nutrition and improvement of the standard of living and public health) of the Constitution, apart from it being completely tenable in law," said Justice M Nagaprasanna pronouncing the order, while rejecting a batch of petitions filed by owners of hookah places.

Legality of notification

The petitioners had questioned the legality of the notification issued under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 and the Karnataka Poisons (Possession and Sale) Rules, 2015.

It is not understandable as to why the state had kept quiet all these days to leave these places to mushroom in hundreds. It is averred that the state has about 800 hookah places/hookah bars, the court said.

CRIME PATROL

Woman's murder: Cops await autopsy report

BENGALURU: Three days after a 48-year-old home-alone woman was found murdered at her residence, Kodigehalli police are still looking for the assailant. Shobha M, a resident of Ganesh Nagar who runs a driving school, was found dead, lying naked in the bedroom on Friday. After the murder, the assailant had escaped with gold jewellery, a mobile phone and a car belonging to the victim. The murder came to light when Shobha's daughter dropped in to check on her mother after repeated phone calls to her went unanswered. Suspecting the role of known persons, police said it was a case of murder for gain. Shobha's neck had injury marks, and it is suspected that she was strangled, however, police are awaiting the autopsy report to ascertain the exact cause of death. Shobha's daughter Harshitha, who got married recently, was at her mother's house with her husband from April 15 to 18. She went to her husband's house on Thursday morning.

Police receive hoax post of bomb at eatery

BENGALURU: Following an anonymous post received by the Jalahalli police station that explosives have been planted at Kadamba Gardenia restaurant near HMT Ground, the police evacuated customers and searched the eatery, before concluding that it was a hoax threat, on Monday. Police said the staff at the police station received the anonymous post at 12.30 pm on Monday, which claimed that bombs were planted at Kadamba Gardenia. Soon, the police rushed to the spot and evacuated customers and staff. Sniffer dogs and the bomb squad were called in, and they sanitised the entire premises, and found the threat to be a hoax. The police have registered a case and are investigating to trace any suspects, and are also looking at CCTV footage from the venue and the vicinity, to identify any suspicious activity.

Flyer from Bangkok caught with 10 yellow anacondas

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 56-year-old coffee trader from Sakleshpur flying into Bengaluru from Bangkok in a Thai Air Asia flight was caught on Saturday night by the Customs officials for smuggling 10 baby yellow anacondas in his suitcase. Three of the reptiles were found dead.

The flyer has been booked for trafficking wildlife and the anacondas have been transported back to Thailand.

He had reached Kempegowda International Airport on Flight No. FD-137 at 10.44 pm on April 20.

The value of a baby yellow anaconda in the market ranges between Rs 40,000 and Rs 1 lakh. They measured between 2 ft and 2.5 ft and were wrapped in cotton bags and placed in the checked-in baggage.

"The person was tempted by the prospect of making easy money. Someone at the Bangkok airport has approached him and promised Rs 20,000 if he handed over the suitcase to someone in Bengaluru. He agreed to do it. This individual had visited Bangkok as a tourist," a Customs official said.

Airport Customs also received intelligence input about the smuggling. They also detected the snakes while scanning of the baggage, the source said.

One of the yellow anacondas that was recovered by the Customs at KIA

"Based on our interaction with wildlife traffickers in the past, it is clear that this is the first time he has been indulging in such an act," the source added. Snake expert Vattam Aditya told *TNIE*, "These anacondas appear to be around two months old. The adult ones grow up to 16 ft-18 ft and is impossible to smuggle them. The yellow anaconda is one of the three kinds found. Since they were babies, they could be smuggled easily."

The anaconda is a native species of South America and Bangkok is the hub for wildlife smuggling in Asia, he added.

The Customs official added, "In the present case, the seized exotic animals are prohibited for import and attract the provisions of Section 104 (4) (a) of the Customs Act 1962 and Section 51 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972."

Man dies after dental visit, kin protest with body at police station

BENGALURU: Relatives of a deceased 55-year-old man protested keeping the body in front of Subramanyanagar police station on Monday. Kumar had visited a dentist a few days ago, where he was allegedly administered an overdose of medicine. As his face swelled up, he visited a doctor, who told him it was due to the overdose. Seeking action against the dentist, Kumar approached police, who refused to file a complaint, relatives alleged. As his condition worsened, Kumar got admitted to hospital, where he passed away on Monday. **ENS**

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22.04.2024 ZONAL MANAGER

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Malleswaram 5th Cross Branch, No.45, 5th Cross, Malleswaram Circle, Near K.C. General Hospital, Bengaluru-560003

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) (SECTION 13(4)) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank Malleswaram 5th Cross Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.01.2024** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, **(1) Sri. Saravanan. V. N.** S/o Sri. Narayanamurthy. V, No.214, 3rd D Lane, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Judge Colony, Basaveswarnagar, Bengaluru-560079 and **(2) Smt. S. Damayanthi** W/o Sri. Saravanan. V. N, No.214, 3rd D Lane, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Judge Colony, Basaveswarnagar, Bengaluru-560079, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,02,07,395.86 Paisa** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on **24.12.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **19th April 2024.**

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.1,02,07,395.86 Paisa** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Five and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on **24.12.2023** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old No.92, New No. 33, Sy No.53, BBMP Ward No.97, having PID No.24-42-33, situated at 3rd Main Road, Kethamaranahalli Village, Lakshminarayanapura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 12 Feet and North to South 10 Feet, and East to West 60 Feet and North to South 75 Feet and East to West Northern Side 26 Feet Southern Side 35 Feet and North to South Eastern Side 6 Feet, Western Side 40 Feet, totally measuring 5,321 Square Feet, alongwith the building constructed thereon and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property and Road, North by: Property belonging to Natesh and other Private Property , South by: Corporation Drain.

Date : 19.04.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank

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Online Application forms are invited from eligible candidates for ADMISSION to BE Course in the Member College of the AMPCK. For the academic year 2024-25. The Test (AMPCK UG CET 2024) would be held on **26-05-2024** at Bengaluru, Mangalore, Interested candidates may visit the website of the AMPCK **www.ampck.in** for details, Online Application may be downloaded from the Association's website only with effect from **24.04.2024.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **23.01.2024** calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor/legal heirs- **(1) Mrs. Sunanda D,** W/o Late. Jyoti Prakash Bhattacharjee, **(2) Mr. Deepankar B,** S/o Late. Jyoti Prakash Bhattacharjee, **(3) Mr. Subhankar B,** S/o Late. Jyoti Prakash Bhattacharjee, **All are addressed at :** to No.299/17, 14th Cross, Near Ram Mandir, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru-560003, repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,26,14,397.33 [Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven and Paisa Thirty Three Only] under TL A/c No.0657001600199601 along with future interest from 30.12.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

[No.2) Mr. Deepankar B and (No.3) Mr. Subhankar B are the legal heirs of Late. Jyoti Prakash Bhattacharjee who was the borrower to the aforesaid credit facility and hence are proper and necessary parties to this notice].

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor/legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor/ mortgagor/legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **20th day of April, 2024.**

The borrower/ guarantor/mortgagor/legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Srirampuram Branch,** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.1,30,13,405.33 [Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Five and Paisa Thirty Three Only] under TL A/c No.0657001600199601 along with future interest from 30.03.2024, plus costs.**

[Your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of the **Residential Flat No.101,** on first floor of the building known as **"Skylark Eden",** having super built up area of **2246 Sq.ft and 1080 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land, along with two covered car parking space in the basement, constructed at premises bearing **Corporation No.8,** Hayes Road, Richmond Town , in Corporation Ward No.76, Bengaluru belonging to **Mr. Jyoti Prakash Bhattacharjee (since deceased, now represented by legal heirs). Boundaries of Land as per Document : East :** Private Property, **West :** Private Property bearing No.7, Hayes Road, **North :** Convent, **South :** Hayes Cross Road. **Boundaries of Flat : East :** Open to Sky, **West :** Open to Sky, **North :** Open to Sky, **South :** Entry.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Date: 20.04.2024 For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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Declaration about criminal cases;

(As per the judgment dated 25" September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of2011 (Public Interest Foundation & 6 Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : SHOBHA KARANDLAJE
Name of political party : Bharatiya Janatha Party
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : General Election to Lok Sabha -2024
Name of Constituency : 24- Bengaluru North Parliamentary Constituency

I, KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	24th ACMM Bengaluru	CRIME No. 45/2024 21/03/2024	Pending	Sec.123(3), 123(3A), 125 of RP Act Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state
2	Madhurai City Police Station, Tamil Nadu.	CRIME No. 24/2024, 20/03/2024	Pending	Sec. 153, 153A, 505(1)(B), 505 (2) of IPC Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state
3	42nd ACMM. Bengaluru	CC No.37087/2021 24/12/2021	Stayed	Sec. 499 & 500 of IPC Alleged defamation of Sowmya Reddy
4	JMFC Tirur.	CRIME No.33/2020 23/01/2020	Pending Investigation	Sec.153A & 34 of IPC Alleged inflammatory speech
5	CCH 82, Bengaluru,	Spl.CC 124/2014 26/03/2014	Pending Trial	Sec. 45(1) of PMLA R/w. Sec 200 of Cr. PC for offences under Sec 3 & 4 of PMLA Alleged that money is invested in shell company and alleged money laundering

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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DECODE LS POLLS '24 DECIDE

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> Whether roosters crow or not, the morning sun will certainly rise, and (K V) Gowtham (Congress Kolar Lok Sabha candidate) too will certainly win. Congress will certainly win in Karnataka
> KR Ramesh Kumar, Congress leader

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 3
PHASE-3 14

TOTAL SEIZURES ₹406.73 crore

FIRs BOOKED 2,016

CANDIDATES CONTESTING PHASE-3 POLLS 227

COMPLAINTS ON CVIGIL APP 26,816

TWEET OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi has degraded the office of the Prime Minister to the lowest ever. Fear of losing is making him speak in the most divisive language. How can Election Commission of India let him get away with this?
@dineshgrao, Dinesh Gundurao, Health Minister

MODI'S COMMENTS NOT FIT FOR PM: KHARGE

AICC chief invites PM for open debate on Congress manifesto

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Channapatna (Bangalore Rural)

AICC president **Mallikarjun Kharge** here on Monday tore into Prime Minister Narendra Modi for remarking that if Congress comes to power, it will redistribute the country's wealth among Muslims and for likening the Grand Old Party's manifesto to Muslim League's.

Addressing a Congress rally for Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha candidate DK Suresh, Kharge said Modi is an escapist and a hit-and-run politician. He challenged Modi to come for an open debate on the Congress manifesto in the national capital.

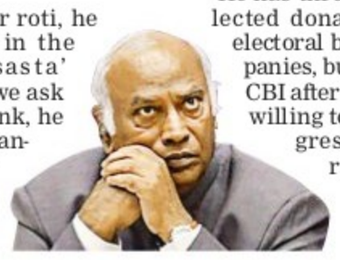
"Providing jobs for youth, is it only for Muslims? Is Naari Nyay, in which Rs 1 lakh per annum will be given to women head of households, only for Muslims? Legislation on minimum support price for farmers, is it for Muslims? Modi speaks erratically. He said Congress will conduct the caste census and take away the assets (from Hindus) and give them to Muslims. A PM should speak with some knowledge, not like an 'agnani' (ignorant). Speaking like this is not becoming of his stature," he said.

"I am ready for an open debate anywhere, even in Delhi, to discuss our party manifesto, which he termed as Muslim League's and against the country," he said.

Kharge observed that Modi has been talking "haphazardly" and attacking Congress irrationally after realising that the situation has turned adverse for BJP across the country. That is because he has not delivered on the promise of creating two crore jobs every year and failing to check the price rise.

"If any leader has divided the country along the Hindu and Muslim lines and instigated a fight between Dalits and other communities, it's none other than Modi," he thundered.

"If we ask for roti, he says the cake in the bakery is 'sasta' (cheap) and if we ask for water to drink, he shows us the 'Gangajal' of Varanasi. We are not against Modi, but against his ideology which is that of RSS," he said.



He attacked Modi for claiming that rice has been distributed to 80 crore people, while it was the previous UPA government that passed the right to food law. Kharge asked Modi if he would withdraw the MNREGA employment guarantee scheme, too, which is also a law.

He alleged that Modi is trying to take credit for all the schemes introduced by the UPA governments. "It is like mehnat kare murga, anda khaye fakir," he mocked.

He alleged that Modi has let businessmen who looted Rs 16 lakh crore go scot free, but is acting against farmers, whose farm equipment like tractors are being seized for non-payment of loan instalments.

"He has threatened and collected donations through electoral bonds from companies, but let ED, IT and CBI after those who were willing to donate to Congress. All the corrupt are sitting in his 'jolige' (bag)," he alleged.

Dingaleshwar Swami exits poll race

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Dharwad

DINGALESHWAR Swamiji of Balehosur Mutt in Gadag district, who was contesting as an independent from the Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency, on Monday withdrew from the contest. The decision came as a surprise as the seer had refused to heed calls by leaders of BJP and Congress not to contest the elections. The decision has now downed the curtains on confusion and curiosity among Lingayat community voters in the constituency.

After the elections were announced, the seer had strongly opposed the candidature of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi from BJP and demanded a change in the candidate, citing injustice to the Lingayat community.

He had given a call to Lingayat leaders to unite against Joshi, and he himself got into the fray to defeat the BJP candidate. But his sudden move has given several talking points to the public.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, the seer said he is abiding by his core concept of opposing Joshi and called it a Dharma Yudha which will continue. He has taken back his nomination papers going by the advice of the senior pontiff, he added.

"I will not back any party, though leaders from both parties have sought my support. Earlier too I have not got into such politics and I will continue to remain that way. I have received calls from both party leaders, including the present and former chief minister," he added.

However, people pointed out that the seer had not withdrawn from the contest, when leaders from both Congress and BJP had requested him. "We feel that there might be some pressure which forced the seer to take back his nomination. Otherwise, he would have contested, immaterial of the outcome," they added.

National party leaders said such developments are expected during elections.

Seer withdraws from contest, but not from 'Dharma Yuddha'

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

Dingaleshwara Swami of Balehosur mutt, who had earlier filed his nomination papers to contest against Union minister Pralhad Joshi, has withdrawn his candidature. But the Damocles' sword of 'Lingayat honour' continues to hang over Joshi's head, with the seer declaring that "Dharma Yuddha will continue". The seer's supporters have come to interpret this statement as the Dharma Yuddha against Joshi's candidature. The swamiji had said he is fighting for 'Lingayat honour' and alleged that Joshi had dishonoured Lingayats, who were his main support base. "I am withdrawing my candidature because of my Guruji's word and other reasons," he said, but did not shed light on the 'other reasons'. Sources, meanwhile, said material was being prepared to slander and defame the swami. A complaint was filed with the Lokayukta, claiming that the Balehosur mutt had encroached a portion of a road, and also taken control of a public borewell. One source said the swami's inner circle was under great pressure from certain vested interests, who wanted him to withdraw. Some had urged the seer to relinquish his position as head of the mutt, saying he would not be able to continue in his post if he did not. BJP Dharwad district president Thippanna Majagi said, "We will not respond to these developments. Our focus is our election, we are confident we will win. If he (swami) contests or doesn't, it will not affect the BJP. Joshi and PM Modi have carried out many development works here." Asked about Dharma Yuddha, he had said the purpose for which he had filed his candidature was salvaging 'Lingayat honour'. Repeated attempts to contact the seer went in vain.

Dharwad bandh sees good response

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Hubballi/Dharwad

THE bandh called by Anjuman-e-Islam to condemn the murder of 23-year-old Neha Hiremath received a good response in Dharwad. Business establishments run by Muslims were shut from morning until afternoon, demanding justice for the grieving family.

The merchants, sporting a black band around their arms, also took out a rally. In addition, several business establishments run by other communities, too, remained closed, extending their support.

Anjuaman-e-Islam, Dharwad unit, president Ismail Tamatgar said the community will not entertain or tolerate any kind of inhuman activities irrespective of caste, creed, and religion. The shopkeepers also stuck "Justice for Neha" stickers and pictures of Neha on their shutters. According to sources, a few shops in Hubballi, too, remained shut. "We, as humans, are ashamed of such acts. We, as responsible citizens, must oppose such crimes. It is high time to unite," a shopkeeper said.

BJP workers, led by party state president BY Vijayendra, carry out a protest against the Congress government over the murder of student Neha Hiremath at Gandhi Square in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYASHANKAR S

BJP PROTESTS, SAYS CONG NOT SERIOUS ABOUT NEHA MURDER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE BJP leaders in Karnataka held a statewide protest, condemning the murder of college student Neha Hiremath, who was stabbed to death in Hubballi last week.

Protests were led by senior leaders at various places where they condemned the Congress government's failure to address the law and order situation in the state. BJP leaders staged a big protest march in Mysuru, Chikkodi, Ramanagara, Davanagere, Yadgir, Ballari, Tumakuru, Bagalkot, and other parts of the state. In Hubballi, they even resorted to burning tyres.

BJP, through its social media handle, stated that when the entire state is condemning the heinous act, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah did not even bother to visit the house of the victim or offer condolences. "While the girl who was killed was the daughter of a Congress Councillor, KPCC president DK Shivakumar too did not visit her house. Whatever they are doing, is for appeasement politics and for the fear of losing votes," it stated.

Party leaders also highlighted some recent incidents in Karnataka, including the bomb blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru, Hindu youth being attacked for chanting "Jai Shri Ram", and also the attack on a shopkeeper in Chickpet, Bengaluru, for playing the Hanuman Chalisa on a speaker.

In Tumakuru, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka took part in a protest rally.

He said the Congress' appeasement politics is encouraging anti-social elements.

The government failed to safeguard Hindus, he alleged. "In the Lok Sabha polls, people will teach the Congress a lesson," he added.

> While the girl (Neha Hiremath) who was killed is the daughter of a Congress Councillor, KPCC president DK Shivakumar did not visit her house too — Bharatiya Janata Party

APPEAL TO ECI

Cong guarantee cards electoral bribery: JDS

ENS @ Bengaluru

TERMING the Congress' guarantee cards "electoral bribery and inducement to voters", JDS leaders on Monday appealed to the Election Commission to direct the Grand Old Party to refrain from distributing the same.

In a petition submitted to the ECI, the JDS leaders stated that the Congress has not worked out the details of the financial implications of the assurances and promises made in its election manifesto and did not explore the ways and means to finance them.

"The guarantee cards that are being distributed to households across India, bear the promissory signature of prominent Congress leaders, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, and are official endorsements, purportedly containing QR code and also application form," the JDS leaders stated.

"These assurances and promises are not mere declarations in the manifesto of the Congress, but have been propagated as government schemes of a political party in power. These allurements and inducements to voters are in a clear violation of the Model Code of Conduct," the JDS leaders stated.

Siddu: Modi's remarks disrespectful of his position

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

RESPONDING to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that if Congress comes to power, it will distribute the wealth of Hindus, including women's mangalsutras, among Muslims, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said such remarks coming from a person holding the position of prime minister are highly disrespectful.

"It is the duty of the PM to treat all communities equal. Such statements do not bring honour to the position," he said.

He told reporters at the Shivamogga Airport that there has to be an equitable distribution of wealth. "This is essential for achieving social justice. Dr BR Ambedkar also advocated the distribution of wealth and power," he added.

On the Union government not responding to the state's pleas for drought relief, he said, "We have filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the central government. According to the Natural Disaster Management Act, the Centre must respond within a month of the state's request. Despite filing the request in October, no relief has been given. I have personally met Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. They agreed to convene a meeting by December 23, which never materialised.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaks to reporters in Shivamogga on Monday.

We have provided relief of Rs 2,000 to each of the 34 lakh affected farmers at a cost of Rs 650. We have streamlined work through MGNREGA and ensured that there are no issues with drinking water and fodder."

On BJP's allegations that Congress will only provide 'chippu' (coconut shell) to the people, he countered saying Modi is yet to fulfil his promises.

"There has been injustice in tax allocation to Karnataka. Did Rs 15 lakh come to everyone's account? Have two crore jobs been created annually? Have farmers' incomes doubled? What about Acche Din," he asked.

He said Modi has only given an empty chombu (water vessel) to the people of the state. "We have released an advertisement which depicts the injustice meted out to the state," he said.

Muslim women hold a protest against the murder of Neha Hiremath in Dharwad on Monday | DHEMANTH

Neha was stabbed 14 times, lost life in 58 seconds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE postmortem report of Neha Hiremath, who was brutally stabbed to death on her college campus on April 18, has revealed some chilling details. There were 14 stab injuries on her body and she died just 58 seconds after the attack as she lost copious amounts of blood.

Sources at the KIMS Hospital in Hubballi, where Neha was taken after the attack, said the victim had no pulse when she was brought to the hospital. "The stab marks were found in the neck and heart regions. There were also wounds on the back. In total, 14 wounds were found, of which the deepest was in the neck at 2 inch. The girl lost her life just 58 seconds after the attack as the stab wounds ruptured her neck region cutting off the air pipes and blood circulation," the sources said.

On April 18, murder accused Fayaz, who is a former classmate of Neha, entered BVB College with a knife. He waited for Neha and when she came out of the exam hall, he stabbed her repeatedly and brutally. Its said that Fayaz told the police that he wanted to talk to her, and when she refused he stabbed her.

On Monday, Nehal's family organised the third-day ritual at their house and grave, assisted by Lingayat seers.

Dharwad district in-charge minister Santosh Lad alleged in Hubballi that whenever there is an involvement of Muslims in a crime case, it is a festival time for BJP. He said BJP is politicising the Neha murder case.

BJP members staged protests in many places in Hubballi and Dharwad. Muslim organisations and college students too held separate protests and marches in Hubballi condemning Neha.

Hindu blood in Congress' 'chombu', says Ashoka

TUMAKURU: Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka on Monday said the 'chombu' the Congress has been referring to, has been filled with the blood of Hindus, as there was no value for the blood of the majority community in the Congress government. While taking part in a protest against the murder of Hubballi student Neha Hiremath, Ashoka alleged that whenever the Congress came to power in the state, the crime rate spiked. "We have also been telling the people that the Congress is a danger to the state," he said. **ENS**

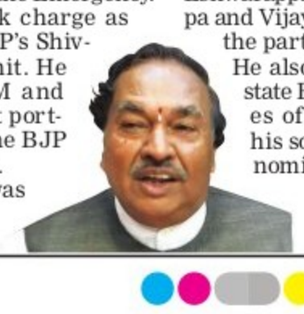
Eshwarappa expelled from BJP for 6 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

SENIOR BJP leader and independent candidate for Shivamogga Lok Sabha seat **KS Eshwarappa** was expelled from the party on Monday for six years.

The party took this action in view of his decision to contest against BJP candidate BY Raghavendra and not to withdraw his nomination papers on Monday, the last day for withdrawal. State BJP disciplinary committee chairman Lingaraj Patil issued the expulsion order. It said, "Disregarding the party's instructions, you are contesting as a rebel candidate from Shivamogga constituency. Therefore, you are relieved of all responsibilities with immediate effect and expelled from the party for six years."

Eshwarappa began his political career after the Emergency. In 1982, he took charge as president of BJP's Shivamogga city unit. He served as DCM and held prominent portfolios during the BJP rule in the state.



Eshwarappa was president of the state unit of the party. He was Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council from 2014 to 2018.

Eshwarappa entered the LS poll fray after his son KE Kanthesh was denied a ticket to contest from Haveri constituency. Eshwarappa blamed Yediyurappa and Vijayendra for denial of the party ticket to his son. He also vowed to free the state BJP from the clutches of Yediyurappa and his sons before filing his nomination papers as an independent candidate.

Congress leaders Avani Bansal, of MP, and Renjith Thomas, of Bengaluru, have approached the Kerala HC against Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the NDA candidate in Thiruvananthapuram, alleging that he has filed a false affidavit about his assets and income in his nomination papers

RAJASTHAN RALLY ROW

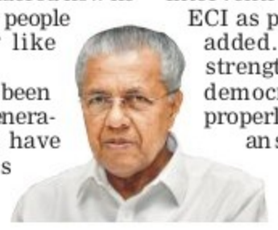
EC should take action against Modi: Pinarayi

PTI @ Kannur

KERALA Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's alleged remarks against Muslims as "anti-national" and urged the Election Commission to take action against him.

Addressing an election meeting in this northern district, the Marxist veteran said the prime minister had insulted the Muslim community by specifically naming them.

Referring to Modi's controversial remarks during a poll rally in Rajasthan on Sunday, Vijayan said the prime minister had carried out a communal campaign by fabricating imaginary stories to create anti-Muslim hatred among people. Modi's speech was "totally anti-national," and he humiliated a section of people in the country, he said. Stating that the PM had described the Muslim community as infiltrators, Vijayan wondered how he could refer to the people of the country like that.



Muslims have been living here for generations, and they have played key roles in various phases of the country, he said, adding that their contribution to the freedom movement could not be replaced. "Action should be taken against the Prime Minister. The ECI should be ready to take action against him," Pinarayi said.

Vijayan also said the prime minister is a person who is responsible for leading the people of the country together.

Accusing the BJP of using communal cards at every stage and spreading communalism in a bigger way whenever it senses danger, Vijayan said the statement of the prime minister makes it clear that the saffron party was aware of the erosion of soil beneath its feet. Targeting the RSS, Vijayan further said that those who had played no role in the freedom movement are now ruling the country.

"They are trying to destroy all the significant values of the country. We know that the BJP government has made many interventions to change the ECI as per their wish," he added. Stating that the strength of the country's democracy needs to be properly expressed, Vijayan said the ECI should be ready to take action against such illegal activities.

Committee to examine CET papers, syllabus

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH the increasing complaints from students, lecturers and parents of out of syllabus questions being included in the CET held on April 18 and 19, the state government on Monday announced the formation of committees to examine the issue.

The government also announced that the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) is giving students an opportunity to raise their objections to the questions till April 27, 2024.

The Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) was conducted by the KEA for four subjects- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Over three lakh students had appeared for the exam across the state.

A statement issued by the higher education department on Monday said: "Pursuant to the exams, many complained that a number of questions from the papers were allegedly out of syllabus of CET. Representations were also received that many questions were not from the syllabus and that this has affected the students. Demands for providing grace marks or re- conducting the exam were also made. The KEA has gives students an opportunity to raise objections to the questions upto April 27. The KEA has been asked to submit a detailed report in this regard to the government.

In the meantime, the matter has been examined by the government and a committee of experts for each subject has been set up by the government to ascertain the number of questions that are out of the syllabus of CET. The expert the committee has been mandated to provide its report immediately.

The government in the statement also said, KEA will act in the interests of the students who have appeared for the CET exam. Based on the report of the expert committee, a further decision will be taken.

Srikar M S, Principal Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education) told The New Indian Express that each committee will comprise of three subject experts including a lecturer, principal and expert. They will go through the syllabus, the deleted lessons, the complaints raised and all the 60 questions in the question paper. They have been given four days time to complete the assessment and submit the report, after which it will be assessed in detail and the final decision will be taken.

Srikar said such allegations are not heard of. This type of issue is not heard of in recent times. Hence the committee members will also see what is the extent of the anomalies.

22-YR-OLD DALIT MURDERED OVER ROTI

Kalaburagi: A 22-year-old Dalit youth, Rakesh, was killed by another youth of a minority community over a trivial spat over getting rotis on Sunday. Rakesh, a dalit activist, used to get roti from Rotti Kendras or from nearby houses of Shahapurpet of Yadgir. On Sunday evening, when Rakesh was getting roti from a Rotti Kendra he got into an argument with, Fayaz, who objected to Rakesh asking roti. On Sunday midnight, Fayaz went Rakesh's house and kicked his private part, due to which Rakesh died on the spot. Rakesh's mother has registered a complaint. Police have arrested the accused.

Dharmapuri records hottest day in 8 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

HEATWAVE conditions continue to prevail over north interior districts of Tamil Nadu where the mercury went several degrees above the normal on Monday. Dharmapuri recorded its highest temperature in the past eight years on Monday, but Erode topped the chart with a sizzling 43 degree Celsius.

The regional meteorological centre (RMC) in Chennai has issued a temperature warning till April 26. "Due to high temperatures and humid conditions, hot and uncomfortable weather is likely in isolated pockets of Tamil Nadu during the next five days," said P Senthamarai Kannam from RMC.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The all-time record for Dharmapuri was 42.2 degree Celsius recorded on April 25, 2016. The second highest of 41.2 degree Celsius was recorded on Monday. Mercury has crossed 40 degrees in 12 districts, including Erode, Dharmapuri, Tirupattur, Trichy Tiruthani, Vellore, Karur, Madurai, Namakkal, Salem, and Coimbatore.

The IMD office said maximum temperature is likely to be 2-3 degrees above normal at a few places in interior Tamil Nadu. Humidity is likely to be about 30-50% in the afternoon hours and 40-75% during the rest of the day over the interior districts; and 50% to 85% over the coastal areas.

Farmers have urged the state government to announce Dharmapuri as drought-hit area, and said that with increased temperatures and dried water bodies, there is a severe shortage of water for cultivation and livestock.

Jagan, family's assets up by 48% in 5 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guntur

THE net worth of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and his family is a whopping ₹757.65 crore. According to the affidavit filed with the Election Commission along with his nomination papers on Monday, his assets have increased by 48.4 per cent in the last five years, which was at ₹510.68 crore in 2019.

Jagan's movable assets are worth ₹650,66,76,710, including ₹2,86,53,937 offshore and his immovable assets are worth ₹106,98,27,071.

Of this, self-acquired assets are worth ₹36,69,08,061 and assets worth ₹67,29,19,010 are inherited.

The assets are owned by Jagan, his wife YS Bharathi, and their daughters YS Harshini Reddy, and YS Varsha Reddy, and the total income of the family shown in I-T returns for the financial year 2022-23 was ₹73.68 crore.

Assets owned by Jagan are valued at ₹529.87 crore, including ₹46.78 crore immovable assets and ₹483.09 crore movable assets, ₹263.24 crore investment in bonds and shares. He is a major shareholder in Sandur Power Company, Bharathi Cement Corporation, Classic Realty, Saraswati Power & Industries and various entities.

His wife Bharathi owns assets worth ₹176,30,27,034, their elder daughter Harshini owns assets worth ₹25,89,69,376 including offshore assets worth ₹1,31,75,471, and the younger daughter Varsha owns assets worth ₹25,57,82,377, including offshore assets worth ₹1,54,78,466.

They also own gold and diamond jewellery worth ₹14,20,05,360. The family's overall liabilities exceeds ₹35 crore, including ₹10,41,91,501 liabilities under disputes.

While the YSRC chief has liabilities to the tune of ₹8,81,97,056 Bharathi's total liabilities stand at ₹9,07,70,037. According to the affidavit, Jagan's name appears in as many as 26 FIRs.

Vigilantes assault two for transporting oxen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

TENSION prevailed in Belagavi after a group of cow vigilantes stopped a truck transporting cows and thrashed two persons, including the driver injuring them severely, near Suvarna Vidhan Soudha at Halaga village in Belagavi taluk on Sunday.

The injured have been identified as Umar T K (46) and Sunil Kumar Nayar (38), both residents of Kerala. Both have been admitted to district hospital and are out of danger.

According to police sources, the cow vigilantes had received information that the truck was illegally transporting cows to Kerala for slaughtering.

They followed the truck and stopped it near Suvarna Vidhan Soudha. The vigilantes even pelted stones at the truck and thrashed the driver and his companion. The police rushed to the spot and faced a tough time in handling the vigilantes.

Former CM Jagadish Shettar, who was passing through the highway, stopped and enquired about the issue.

Shri Ram Sena Hindustan Chief Ramakant Konduskar and former MLA Sanjay Patil also reached the spot and inquired.

Police clarified that there were no cows in the truck. All of them were oxen, they said. When the vigilantes tried to release the oxen tied in that lorry, the police stopped them.

Following the same, verbal clashes broke out between the police and youth. Shettar convinced the youth to calm down and asked the police to take measures as per law.

The police have registered two complaints on Monday. Bharat Gundu Navage, resident of Veerapur Galli, Shahapur has lodged a complaint against lorry driver Sunil Kumar and cleaner Umar. In the complaint, he mentioned that the lorry which was travelling from Maharashtra towards Hubballi was transporting about 25 oxen for slaughtering without any safety measures or any permit.

Lorry driver Sunil Kumar lodged a counter complaint that more than 50 people holding sticks stopped his lorry near Suvarna Vidhana Soudha on NH-4. They used filthy language and thrashed him and also threatened to kill.

After registering both the cases, police personnel from Hire-Bagewadi police station have started the investigation.

JOYOUS EVENT

A vendor sells flags, toys and religious paraphernalia on the eve of Hanuman Jayanti on Monday in Hyderabad | VINAY MADAPU

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Row over property led to murders

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VINAYAK gave Rs 2 lakh as "advance" to Fairoz and Zeeshan last week. The plan was to kill Prakash and his wife Sunanda Bakale, who is the vice-president of Gadag Betageri Town Municipal Council (TMC), and their son Karthik. Sunanda is the second wife of Prakash and Vinayak is his first wife's son.

Vinayak used to frequently quarrel with Prakash over issues related to their real estate business and family property. As per the plan, the "supari" killers entered the house of Prakash through an AC vent on Friday night and killed four people who were sleeping on the first floor. They could not kill Prakash and Sunanda as they were sleeping in another room which was locked from inside. When Prakash heard some noise, he called the police. The "supari" killers, who heard Prakash calling the police, escaped.

Belagavi North Range IGP Vikash Kumar Vikash said DG and IGP Alok Mohan has announced a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh to the team which cracked the case within 72 hours.

Youth assaulted for giving lift to female classmate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

AN incident of attack on college students by a group of people which took place on April 18 in Belagavi has come to light lately. A group of unknown youth had allegedly attacked a college student of Hindu community for taking his classmate, a girl from another community, on his two-wheeler. The Belagavi police have arrested seven persons in connection with this case.

The girl, a student studying in BA first year at Lingaraj College, Belagavi, has lodged a complaint at APMC police station for attacking his friend from another community. In a complaint, she said that she has a male friend of Hindu community in the college. Her family as well as the parents of her friend know about each other. The boy had given a lift to her friend to the college on his two-wheeler as per her request. After the classes got finished, he was supposed to give a lift to leave her to her house.

When both were leaving for home from the college, a group of youth who came in a car stopped them on the road. They questioned him about why he was carrying a Muslim girl on his bike. They both tried to tell each other that they are friends and their family knows about them. The group, which was not ready to listen to them, attacked the youth and used filthy words against them. They threatened to kill the boy if he met the girl again and escaped from there.

Install HSR plates before May 31, or you might have to shell out fines

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WITH the transport department extending the deadline for the installation of High Security Number Plate (HSRP) twice--- in November last year and February, it is no longer planning to extend the same. The department ordered for the installation of HSRP before May 31.

The transport department through a notification in August last year, had mandated the installation on all the vehicles that were registered in the state prior to April 1, 2019. According to transport officials, there are nearly two crore vehicles that are supposed to get HSRP for their vehicles.

"As of now, the state has registered only 34 lakh HSRP installations, despite extending

the deadline twice. From nearly 18 lakh installations since February, the numbers have almost doubled. However, there is still a large number of vehicles that have to opt for HSRP," said C Mallikarjuna, Additional Commissioner for Transport (Enforcement).

"We will wait till May 31 to check for the total number of vehicles that fall in line. We are expecting HSRP installations to touch 75 lakh, after which we will consider an extension as the numbers indicate that people are falling in line and if some more time is given everyone will get it done. However, if we do not reach that number before the deadline, we will request the government not to extend the deadline but urge for an enforcement," he said.

He also stated that a fine of Rs 500 will be imposed for the first time and if vehicle owners do not fall in line, it will be Rs 1,000 later until they have installed HSRP. "We will wait till the Model Code of Conduct ends and take the government's opinion. We are going to request the government for strict enforcement if the HSRP installations are not satisfactory," he added.

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'Pinarayi-Rahul spat to be counter-productive'

T'Puram: The verbal spat between Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would prove counter-productive primarily for the Congress, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury has said. Responding to queries on anti-incumbency factor against the LDF government and the chief minister, Yechury felt that such issues would not, however, be reflected in this Lok Sabha polls. "In this LS polls, the major factor is the anti-Modi feeling among voters and who's best suited to achieve that objective. That's where the understanding that a stronger Left is needed becomes important," he said. In an interview with TNIE, the CPM general secretary expressed hope that the INDIA Bloc would be able to substantially reduce BJP seats in the Hindi belt. To a question on anti-Pinarayi sentiment among voters, he said such factors would not make much impact in this poll.

Holy tour: M'luru Catholics miss voting, draw flak

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

A HOLY tour to Europe during the Lok Sabha election by the priests and parishioners of St Francis Xavier Church, Bejai, has invited sharp criticism from the general public especially from the community people.

As many as 96 people including seven priests left Mangaluru on April 15 for the 17-day Europe tour organised by Globe Travels. The group includes church's parish priest and Mangalore Diocese PRO, Fr JB Saldanha and Lourdes Central School Principal Robert D'Souza.

The holy tour will cover eight countries including Rome, Vatican, Switzerland, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany and Czech Republic. They will be back only on May 1 and will, hence, miss voting on April 26.

The travelers had booked their foreign tour months before the poll dates were announced and were sad to know that they will miss voting in the crucial election. A traveler stated that he had expected polling to be in the month of May and could not afford to cancel the tour because of high cancellation charges. A majority of the travellers who are aged above 60 years are on the holy tour to fulfill their religious vows.

Meanwhile, the priests joining the foreign tour came as a big surprise to many Bejai parishioners. Three out of the seven priests belong to Bejai church and they had not announced their unavailability in the church for religious duties for such a long time. It is customary for the priests to inform the parishioners if they are going to be out of station for a long duration, said a parishioner.

Another parishioner said the priests of Bejai church even refrained from encouraging the parishioners to cast their vote in the election as they had no moral right to do so.

The issue gained traction on Tuesday after Archbishop of Goa, Filipe Neri Cadinal Ferrao, gave a call to the Catholics to abstain from going on holiday and pilgrimage on the voting day for the sake of casting vote which he called as a 'sacred duty'.

He said the people will be failing seriously in their important civic responsibility if they fail to vote and it would be a disservice to the nation.

Bar staffer refuses to serve more alcohol, gets killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

AN employee of a bar and restaurant was allegedly murdered by a drunk customer in Kodagu. The incident was reported around 11.30 pm on Sunday at Kushalnagar. Santosh (40), a resident of Kushalnagar, who was working at a private bar and restaurant, is the victim.

The accused, Harshit (34), a resident of Janata Colony in Kushalnagar and an employee of a private coffee processing unit, visited the private bar and restaurant at Kushalnagar around 3 pm and continued consuming alcohol till 11.30 pm.

As Santosh refused to serve more alcohol as demanded by Harshit even after the closing hours, the accused started to assault Santosh and allegedly stabbed him with a broken beer bottle.

Though the victim was given first aid and shifted to Kushalnagar PHC, he later succumbed to injuries while being shifted to the District Hospital in Madikeri for further treatment.

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E - Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Karnataka Bank Ltd,** the Secured Creditor on **03.12.2022,** will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 09.05.2024,** for recovery of **Rs. 26,58,397.49 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven and Paisa Forty Nine Only) under TL A/c No.9067001600006801 along with future interest from 21.04.2024, plus costs,** due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd - Bengaluru - Bommasandra Branch,** the Secured creditor from - **(1) Mr. Dawarlal Pemaram,** S/o. Mr. Pemaram, **(2) Mrs. Pistha,** W/o. Mr. Dawarlal Pemaram, **Both are addressed at :** No.15, IG Nivas, Nanjareddy Layout, Yarandahalli, Jigani P.O, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 562105, being the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor.

Reserve Price / Upset Price below which the property may not be sold : Rs. 65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Only)

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & Time of Auction	Branch Name Account & IFSC Details (for Remitting EMD on are before 08.05.2024 at 4.00 p.m.)
All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.15, Property No.606, Katha No.184, E-Khata No.150200103200101683, carved out of Converted Sy.No.29/2, measuring 1050 Sq.ft [East to West - 35.00 feet, North to South - 30.00 feet],** with Residential Building constructed thereon (GF+FF+SF+ Part Third Floor], situated at Yarandahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Dawarlal Pemaram. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Site No. 06, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No.14, **South :** Private Property.	**Rs. 65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**09.05.2024 from 11.00 A.M to 11.20 A.M**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd, Branch : Bengaluru-Bommasandra A/c. : 9063500200004101 IFSC : KARB0000906**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com.

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://www.auctionbazaar.com** on **09.05.2024** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction **(tentatively on 08.05.2024) from M/s Auction Bazaar,** 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India - 500016, **Contact No. : 8885035382/7799510999/8885035332, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 22.04.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No. 22956419/20

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **14.05.2024, "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

M/s Aditya Printing & Publishing Co., rep. by Proprietrix Smt.Chaya Prakash, No.1, Sri.Ramanjaneya Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore- 560 019, **Smt.Chaya Prakash, Sri.K.C.Prakash and Ms.Nikhila P Bhat,** Propritriex of M/s.Ragasri Printing Works, all are residing at No.1106, 8th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Ashoknagar, Bangalore – 560050. **Sri.K.C.Prabhakar,** No.184, First Floor, Allama Prabhu Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 019. **Sri.B.N.Vasu,** No.54, 33rd Main, 3rd "C" Cross, Sarakki, J.P.Nagar, 1st Phase, Vysya Bank Colony, Bangalore – 560 078. **M/s. Aditya Printers, Represented by proprietor Sri.K.C.Prakash,** No.1, Sri Ramanjaneya Road, Hanumanthanagar, 5th Main, Bangalore – 560 019. **Sri.K.C.Prakash, Smt.Chaya Prakash, Ms.Nikhila P Bhat-Propritriex of M/s Ragasri Printing Works,** all are residing at No.1106, 8th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Ashoknagar, Bangalore – 560 050. **M/s Aditya Printing & Publishing Co., Represented by Propritriex Smt.Chaya Prakash,** No.1, Sri Ramanjaneya Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019. **Sri.B.N.Vasu,** No.54, 33rd Main, 3rd "C" Cross,Sarakki, J.P.Nagar, 1st Phase, Vysya Bank Colony, Bangalore – 560 078 **Sri.K.C.Prabhakar,** No.184, First Floor, Allama Prabhu Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019. **M/s Parimala Mudranalaya, Represented by Proprietor Sri.K.C.Prabhakar,** No.184, First Floor, Allama Prabhu Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 019. **Smt.K.P Bharathi – Guarantor for M/s. Parimala Mudranalya** No.184, First Floor, Allama Prabhu Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560019

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website : **https://www.bankeauction.com** on **14.05.2024, Tuesday at 10.30 AM** for recovery of **Rs.38,76,48,657/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Crores Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) due and payable amount as on **31.03.2024** and further interest at contractual rate from **01.04.2024** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Sl. No.	Description of the property	Reserve Price	EMD Amt	Bid Increment
1	**SCHEDULE-1 : (Property belonging to Sri K.C.Prakash),** Property bearing No.701/702-1/1 (New No.1/1), situated at Sunkenahalli Adjacent Site, Sri Ramanjaneya Road, Hanumanthanagar, Corporation Ward No.52, Hanumanthanagar, PID No.52-18-1/1, Bangalore, measuring East to West (13.25+15.25)/2 Mtrs and North to South 13.70 Mtrs, totally measuring 195.225 Sq.Mtrs or 2101.45 Sft as per Sale Deed with building in Basement, Ground, First & Second floors and bounded on : East by:Road, West by:Site No.700, North by: Road, South by: Site No.691 & 692.	3,55,50,000/-	35,55,000/-	3,55,500/-
2	**SCHEDULE-2 : (Property belonging to Sri K.C.Prakash)** Property bearing No.1106, Corporation No.1106/21 in Corporation Division Old No.48, New Ward No.53, Srinagar, situated at 8th Cross, II Block, Banashankari 1st Stage, Ashokanagar, PID No.53-133-21, Bangalore, measuring East to West 13.11 Mtrs and North to South 24.85 Mtrs, totally measuring 325.78 Sq.Mtrs or 3505 Sft as per Sale Deed with building in Ground, first & Second floors and bounded on:- East by: Site No.1107, West by: Site No.1105, North by:Road, South by: Site No.1120.	5,60,00,000/-	56,00,000/-	5,60,000/-
3	**SCHEDULE- 3 : (Property belonging to Sri K.C.Prabhakar)** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing New Municipal No.184 (Old No.193), situated at Allama Prabhu Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore, having New PID No.52-100-184, within the periphery of Ward No.52 of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, comprising of Residential and Non-residential multi storied building comprising of Stilt, Ground, First and Second floors, approximately measuring 1600 Sq.feet residential and 4800 sq.feet of Non-Residential, in all 6400 Sq.ft of super built up area, with all civic amenities, built on the site measuring East to West 60 ft. and North to South 40 ft., totally measuring 2400 Sq.ft and bounded by East by:Road, West by: Property No.8, North by: Appu's House, South by:Road. **SCHEDULE-3-A : (Mortgaged to the Bank)** All that piece and parcel of the stilt, ground and first floor portions of the multi storied building described in Schedule-3 above measuring 4800 Sq.ft super built up area along with 3/4th share in land in Schedule-3 equivalent to 1800 Sq.ft, together with the rights to utilize common amenities such as usage of common passage & stairs, water and electrical conduits.	2,75,00,000/-	27,50,000/-	2,75,000/-
	TOTAL	11,90,50,000/-		

Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**13.05.2024 UPTO 4.30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauction.com 14.05.2024, Tuesday from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted.	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: SHANKARPURAM Road Account No.: 002016100000001, IFSC Code: MVCB0000002**

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS".** As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. **2)** For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/ NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price **4)** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer i.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim / right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. **5)** The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties / additional stamp duty/transfer charges, Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. **6)** The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone / cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. **7)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between Date: 13.05.2024 and 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM,** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. **8)** The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. **9)** The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. **10)** Please refer to the link **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and **website: www.vcb.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. **11**) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower / guarantors/ mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 22.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our clients intend to purchase vacant site No.243, converted Sy.No.59/2 of Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East taluk, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR:299/2007-08, dated 31.05.2010, by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, in the residential layout called "RELIAABLE LIFESTYLE" approved by the BDA vide BDA/TPM/PL-02/2010-11/3619, dated 13.12.2010 and the same was modified by order No.BDA/TPM/PRL/02/2010-2011/94/2011-12, dated 09.04.2012, measuring East-West : 30 feet, North-South : 66 feet, and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Private property, North by : Site No.244, South by : Site No.242 from its owners **Mr. VISHAL B SHARMA and Mr. BABOOLAL SHARMA.** Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within SEVEN days from the date of this publication, failing which our clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

PRAROOP LAW
K R PRADEEP, ADVOCATE
31/9, NCP Tower, 1st floor, 1st main, Mount Joy Extension, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru -19. Phone : 9886012455.
E-mail : prarooplaw@gmail.com
Date: 22-04-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE that M/s. KHODAY INDIA LIMITED, a Company registered under the Companies Act,1956 having its registered office at 'Brewery House' 7th Mile, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560 062 is the owner of the property fully described below:

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising land and building thereon bearing **No.612 admeasuring 120 X 80 feet at XV cross, 100 Feet Road, Sarakki I Phase extension, JP Nagar,** Ward No.57 of BBMP Bangalore 560 078 and bounded on the East by Property bearing site No.611, West by Property bearing site No.613, North by Properties bearing sites No.617, 618 & 619 and South by Road.

My client states that State Bank of India has purported to bring the above said property to be sold by "Online e-Auction" through website praveenthevar@auctiontiger.net held on 25.04.2024 at 11 am to 12.30 pm. My client also states that the proceedings undertaken by State Bank of India is not in accordance with law.

My client hereby cautions members of the public that my client has already filed a writ appeal before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka for appropriate orders in respect of the property and against the said bank, and a Special Leave Petition has also been filed against the auction before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

That the bank's e-Auction sale notice dated 06.03.2024 issued by Recovery Officer, DRT-II, Bangalore does not disclose the pendency of the litigation in bank's ability to bring the property for sale.

We hereby put the members of the public at large that, we have filed the Writ Appeal No. 872 /2023 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore against the order dated 23.05.2023 passed by the learned single judge of the High Court in WP 9639/2018, and Special Leave Petition vide Diary No. 18417 of 2024 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The proceedings are currently pending.

Any person who is buying/dealing this property will be doing so at their own cost and risk, and the Owners intend to pursue the matter to the fullest extent possible in law.

Sd/- **GURUMURTY .M,** Advocate
Place: Bangalore Date: 22.04.2024

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
Mr. Vijaysimha A R (Borrower) & M/S G Corp Power Private Limited (Co-Borrower)	**Loan A/c No: 642398786 Rs.3,60,31,103/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred and Three Only) as on 31.12.2023**	**17.01.2024**	**17.04.2024**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of the land measuring **48128 sq.ft.** property bearing Municipal No. **New 23,** having PID No.100-686-23 situated on D Rajgopal Road, Geddalahalli Sy.No.21/3, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore, bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Property of Verabadrappa, **South by :** property of V.Sreenivas Raju. **Schedule B: 1426.17 Sq.ft.** of undivided right, interest and share in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above. **Schedule C: Duplex Flat No.B-001, in the Tower 'B', Covered on Ground Floor and First Floor** of the apartment building called **"HOYSALA INFANTRY TOWERS"** measuring super built up area of **4985 Sq.ft.,** along with **2(Two) Car Park Spaces.**

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 23.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs Union of India Anr.)

Name and address of candidate	**Mr. MANSOOR ALI KHAN** No.200/C, 7th Main, 3rd Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011.
Name of political party (Independent candidate should write "Independent" here)	**INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (INC)**
Name of Election	ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE
*Name of Constituency	NO.25 - BENGALURU CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

I Mr. MANSOOR ALI KHAN, a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case (s)	Section (s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offences (s)
1.	**Hon'ble XXII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Secunderabad**	**Crime No. 231/2023 dated 22.11.2023 Market Police Station, Secunderabad**	**The case is still in the investigation stage**	**Section 143, 188, 341, 290 R/w 149 of Indian Penal Code & Section 21/76 of CPA**

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

*Sl. No.	Name of Court & date (s)	Description of offence (s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-
-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-
-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-	-NIL-
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Sd/-
MANSOOR ALI KHAN

IN THE COURT OF THE IIND ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAGALLI

CRL. MISC. No. 130/2024

BETWEEN : Smt. Venkatamma and others ...Petitioners

AND : The Tahadildar, Devanahalli Taluk ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Smt. Venkatamma S/o. Late Doddaramaiah, aged about 62 years, R/at. Muddanayakanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of petitioners mother namely **late. Lakshmamma W/o. late Doddaramaiah who died on 07.02.2017** at Muddanayakanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble IInd Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing **on 20.05.2024 at 11.00 A.M.** in Crl. Mis. No. 130/2024.

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Address for Service :
Sri M. Venkatagiriyappa, Sri Y. Shivakumar, Advocates Office at 2nd Floor, Suchi Building, Behind new Bus Stand, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Manjunatha .R.** is the absolute owner of the below mentioned property. If any person's has any right, title, interest, ownership, claim or any other objections over the above said Schedule Property, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents within **07 days** from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my client will be the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession of the said property. Any objections raised after the said period is not entertained or considered to be invalid.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing Assessment No.52, measuring East-West:40-0 ft., North-South:30-0 ft. total measuring 1200 sq. ft. in Malagala Village, within the limits of BBMP Ward no.127, 5th Main Road, Panchsheela Nagar, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, consists 1 sq. ft. built-up ACC Sheet house having electricity connection and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.90, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.87, **South by:** Site No.91

RENUKA PRASAD M.S., Advocate
No.666,, 3rd Main Road, 7th Cross Ranganathapura, Kamakshipalya Bengaluru-560 079, Ph:9844622187.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the immoveable property which is morefully described in the Schedule below **("Schedule Property")** from (1) S.Nithyanandan son of R Sidambaram and (2) Smt. S. Malini wife of S. Nithyanandan **("Owners")**, who are the absolute owners thereof. The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Public is notified that any person having any claim or interest, or any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim, benefit, demand or interest in or in relation to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment mortgage, inheritance, bequest, succession, gift, lien, charge, maintenance, bequest, easement, trust, possession, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law, contracts/ agreements, development right, partnership or arrangements of whatsoever nature, may lodge his/her objections and/or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owners, have any right over the Schedule Property and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property bearing Residential House constructed on the Site No.2, Katha No.38/1, Property No.38, situated at Jinkethimmanahalli @ Varanasi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 square feet, and bounded thereon : East by: Road; West by: Private Property; North by: Site No.1; and South by: Site No.3 (in Private Property). The Schedule Property consists of 900(Nine) Hundred Square Feet, RCC Roofed House, Granite Flooring, Teak/Honne Wood doors and windows with electricity and provided with Bore well water facilities thereon.

Sd/- **Umashree N,** Advocate
No.3/1, 1st A Cross Park Road, Micheal Palya, Indiranagar 1st Stage
Bangalore -560 038 Ph: 9663078174
Date: 19/04/2024

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
Telephone House, B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001. Karnataka

O.A. No. 878/2022

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

BETWEEN: M/s. Canara Bank, Erstwhile SYNDICATE BANK, YELAHANKA NEW TOWN BRANCH, First Floor, No. 965 & 966, LIG, 16th 'B' Cross, 2nd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, BANGALORE - 560 064. ... **APPLICANT**

AND: M/s. Merito by its Prop: Mrs. Nadiya .T.C & another ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS 1 & 2

To, **1. M/s. MERITO,** Rep. by its Proprietrix Mrs. Nadiya .T.C, W/O Sri. Sameer Muhammed, Major, No. 582/82, MIG 3rd Stage, 8th 'B' Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064.

2. Sri. Sameer Muhammed, No. 1894/A, LIC 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560 064.

Both also at M/s. MERITO, Rep. by its Proprietrix Mrs. Nadiya .T.C, Regd. Office, No. 2, Thirumalappa Nagara, Attur Post, Bangalore-560 064.

WHEREAS, O.A. No. 878/2022 was listed before the Registrar, on 22/08/2024.

WHEREAS, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 64,09,079.36 (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Nine Thousand Seventy Nine and Paises Thirty Six only) Application along with copies of documents etc., Annexed.

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:

(I) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

(ii) To disclose particulars of the properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the Applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application.

(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the Original Application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **22/08/2024** at **10:30 A.M** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 13-03-2024.

By Order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE IX ADDL. HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-05)

P & SC No. 162/2024

Between : 1. Mrs. Leela Bai, W/o Dhanraj Bhandari , Aged about 65 years, Residing at #325, 1st A Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560070.
2. Mr. Bharath Bhandari, S/o Dhanraj Bhandari, Aged about 43 years, Residing at #325, 1st A Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560070.
3. Mrs. Pooja Bhandari, W/o Abhishek Surana, Aged about 41 years, Residing at #325, 1st A Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560070
4. Mrs. Kamana Bhandari, W/o Gautam Kalro, Aged about 38 years, Residing at #325, 1st A Main, 7th Block Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560070. **...Petitioners**
And : Nil ...Respondent

Whereas the Petitioners above named have filed the above Petition under Sections 371 and 372 of The Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of Succession Certificate with respect to the Schedule Properties. The below mentioned Schedule Properties were held by Late Mr. Dhanraj Bhandari who is the husband of Petitioner No. 1 and father of the Petitioner Nos. 2 to 4 herein, who expired on 02.03.2023.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 11.07.2024 at 11 A.M.** to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and considered as Respondents are Nil.

SCHEDULE-A

Properties allotted to Mrs. Leela Bai Bhandari

Item I : Bank Deposit, Fixed Deposit, PPF, Term Deposit, etc.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Branch	Account No.	Total Amount
1.	State Bank of India -Savings A/c	Banashankari II Stage Branch, Bengaluru	35323178364	Rs.18,65,300.16/-
2.	HDFC Bank -Savings A/C	Banashankari II Stage Branch, Bengaluru	59100007051957	Rs. 33,188/-
3.	HDFC Bank -Fixed Deposit	KR Road, II Stage Branch, Bengaluru	50300611876084	Rs.5,00,000.00/-
4.	State Bank of India - Public Provident Fund	Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru	38677702918	Rs.7,88,991.00/-
5.	India Post-Savings A/c	Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru	010013897718	Rs.22,877.00/-
6.	India Post-Monthly Income Scheme	India Post Office Basavanagudi HO	020034620657	Rs.4,50,000.00/-
7.	India Post -Term Deposit	India Post Office Basavanagudi HO	020034623923	Rs.10,00,000.00/-

Item II: Investment Plan

Sl. No.	Particulars	Account No.	Amount
1.	ASK PMS Investment	100383520038800	Rs.25,00,000/-
2.	Motilal Oswal	PMVP15585	Rs.7,50,000/-
3.	Motilal Oswal - Next Trillion Dollar Opportunity Strategy	NTD24646	Rs.10,00,000/-
4.	Motilal Oswal - Business Opportunity	PMBOF2154	Rs.7,50,000/-

SCHEDULE-B

Properties allotted to Mr. Bharath Bhandari

Item I: Bank Deposit, Fixed Deposit, LIC, etc.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Branch	Account No.	Total Amount
1.	State Bank of India -Fixed Deposit	Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru	40830938330	Rs.5,27,004.00/-
2.	State Bank of India -Senior Citizens Savings Scheme	Tata Silk Farm, Bengaluru	39655333719	Rs.15,10,444/-
3.	IDFC Bank - Savings A/c	Jayanagar, Bengaluru	10060750673	Rs. 42,608/-
4.	LIC Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana	Samachar Nagar, Mumbai	918569245	Rs.15,00,000/-
5.	IDFC Bank - Fixed Deposit	Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru	10089356530	Rs.5,00,000/-

Item II: Equity Shares

Sl. No.	Script Name	Quantity	Transaction Price	Transaction Value	ISIN
1.	Ambuja Cements Ltd	400	396.10	1,58,440	INE079A01024
2.	Clean Science & Technology Ltd.,	60	1447.70	86,862	INE227W01023
3.	Cochin Shipyard Ltd	1200	491.45	5,89,740	INE704P01017
4.	CSB Bank Ltd.,	600	269.20	1,61,520	INE679A01013
5.	GE Power India Ltd	1100	117.47	1,29,217	INE878A01011
6.	Godrej Agrovet Ltd	4000	433.85	17,35,400	INE850D01014
7.	Gufic Bio Sciences Ltd	700	193.9	1,35,730	INE742B01025
8.	Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd	150	631.5	94,725	INE186A01019
9.	HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd	500	517.05	2,58,525	INE795G01014
10.	Hikal Ltd.,	200	309.35	61,870	INE475B01022
11.	Honda India Power Products Ltd	70	2166.05	1,51,624	INE634A01018
12.	Jaypee Infratech Ltd	30000	1.27	38,100	INE099I01015
13.	Kopran Ltd	2200	139.85	3,07,670	INE082A01010
14.	Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd	30	1844.05	55,322	INE237A01028
15.	La Tim Metal & Industries Ltd	55959	9.52	5,32,730	INE501N01020
16.	Max Financial Services Ltd	200	6.21	1,24,200	INE180A01020
17.	NELCO Ltd	2400	551.95	13,24,680	INE045B01015
18.	Nippon India ETF Nifty ID Rate Liquid BeES	1	1000.01	1,000	INF732E01037
19.	Piramal Pharma Ltd	12250	72.71	8,90,698	INE0DK501011
20.	Reliance Capital Ltd	11	9.45	104	INE013A01015
21.	Reliance Home Finance Ltd	11	3.84	42	INE217K01011
22.	Sipping Corporation of India Ltd	700	89.42	62,594	INE109A01011
23.	Uflex Ltd	1000	384.70	3,84,700	INE516A01017
24.	Unique Enterprises Ltd	100	4.54	454	INE096A01010
25.	Videocon Industries Ltd	2	7.35	15	INE703A01011
26.	Vinyl Chemicals (I) Ltd	400	544.30	2,17,720	INE250B01029
27.	Yes Bank Ltd	2000	15.40	30,800	INE528G01035
	Total			**75,34,480**	

Item III:

1. 20% of the partnership interest in the firm called "**Pharma Gen**" [PAN No.AAXFP1367N]
2. 13.5% of the partnership interest in the firm called "**Surgimed Health Solutions**".
3. 28.30% of the partnership interest in the firm called "**Sri. Parshva Drug House**" [PAN No. AEDFS2189D]
4. A sum of Rs.50,00,000/- receivable from M/s. Aagam Medicare.
5. A sum of Rs.41,10,779 receivable from Mr. Nikunj P Doshi.
6. A sum of Rs.99,07,723 receivable from Mr. Nikunj P Doshi.

Given under my hand with the seal of this Court on the 16th day of April 2024.

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS
ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE : ATV LEGAL
No. 29/4, Trade Centre, 1st Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Senior Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that My Client **Smt. Bhavya. S.** W/o Karthik Reddy, Residing at No. 71,14th Cross Shanthi Nivas Byrasandra Main road Gm palya Bangalore 560075, has Lost the Original Sale deed Page No.5 dated , 26/07/2000 Vide Document No. 3881/2000-01, Book -I , Registered in sub registrar office , K.R.PURAM , If any person, has found/got possession of the said instrument may please return the same to my client above mentioned or to the below mentioned office , and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint with Byappanahalli Police station. Bangalore dated 20/04/2024 in Lost Report No. 1022266/2024, AND the public are hear by informed that any transaction with the above mentioned, shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on my client

SRINIVAS PRASAD, M.S. B.A. LLB. Advocate No.116, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, Patel Muniyappa Layout, V.N. Halli, R.T.Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-560032. Mob: 9880203128 E-mail: kvs.srinivaadv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client **Sri. Pradeep Kumar Reddy E,** S/o Keshavalu Reddy E, Aged about 40 years Residing at No.#12/A-1, 14th Cross, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore- 560 078, hereby informs that, the Orginal Registered General Power of Attorney dated 12.05.2011 bearing Document No. BSK-4-00036-2011-12 of Book-4, Stored in CD No BSKD113 in the office of sub-registrar Banashankari, Bangalore, the Original Regateted Sale Deed dated 12.11.2014 bearing Document No.RRN-1-04360-2014-15 of Book 1, Stored in CD No. RRND149 in the office of sub-registrar Jayanagara (Rajarajeshwarinagara), Bangalore and the Original Registered Sale Deed dated 06.03.2006 bearing Document No KEN-1-28297-2005-06 of Book-1. Stared in CD No.KEND 266 in the office of sub-registrar Kengeri, Bangalore, which have been lost/misplaced in between 03.10.2019 to 05.10.2019 near Pai Show Room. My client has also lodged a police complaint No.200636/2019 on 05.10.2019 before Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing **within 7 days** from this day to the undersigned.

Sri. Filestun Joseph Rebello Advocate JUSTICIA ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS", No. 1/1, 2nd Floor, 14th Main, East of Chord Road, Vijayanagar Bangalore-560040 M: 9481517330

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my clients **SRI. REDDAPPA, SRI. SHIVA KRISHNA K R, SMT. G RAMA MANI, SMT. BHARGAVI** are Jointly intending to purchase below-mentioned schedule of property from its owner SRI. NIDAMARTY SRI VENKATESHWARA SATYA SESHA SAI UDAY BHASKAR @ SAI B NIDAMARTY If anybody has any objection, claim, interest, or dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections, claims, or details of the dispute/s within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims, objections, or disputes in respect of the Schedule Property, and thereafter no claims, objections, or disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 24, in CMC joint khata No 250, in Sy Nos. 17/8, 17/9, 17/10, 17/11, 17/12, 17/13, 17/14, 17/15 & 17/16, BBMP khata No 416/376/380/17/9 to 17/16/24 situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk., Measuring : East to West : 65-0"ft and North to South : 40-0"Ft, Admeasuring 2600 sft and Bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Site No 23
South by : Site No 25

POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate. 2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout, Bangalore-560 078. Mobile No. 9886244736

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowershaving failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Out-standing Amount	Date of Possession
1	**(1) Mrs.Veena Cheluvaraj (2)Mr. Cheluvaraju (3) (Guarantor) Mrs. Jaya lakshmamma C**	Kaneshumari No. 290/290, Property No: 152900100200300358, situated at BV Halli Village, Aralalusandra Post, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist, Karnataka 562138. East to West-19.812 Mtr North to South-16.764 Mtr. in all measuring 332.13 Mtr. East By: Land of Vishakante Gowda, West By: Applicants Land, North By:Govt Road, South by : Applicants Land.	**30/01/2024**	**Rs. 27,50,300/-**	**18/04/2024**
2	**(1) Mr. Girish K (2) Mrs. Vinutha (3) (Guarantor) Mr. Ananda K. P.**	Site No. 22, Municipal Katha No:23/746/1894, Old Municipal No: 746/1894, Present Katha No: 23/746/1894, Situated at Ijuru Hill Tappalu, Ward No.26, Ramanagaram Town, Ramanagaram Taluk, Karnataka 562159. Measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, Total Measuring 1200 Sq ft.East by : Road, West by : Site No.21, North by: Site No.11 South by: Road	**30/01/2024**	**Rs. 4,54,500/-**	**18/04/2024**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for the amount mentioned against each property along with further interest thereon till the date of realisation.

Date : 22.04.2024
Place : Ramanagaram

Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client ("Client") is desirous of entering into certain transaction in connection with the immovable properties morefully described in the 'Schedule' hereto and hereinafter referred to as 'Schedule Properties' with Mrs. **G. Sudha** wife of Mr. M Ravi, presently residing at #1, SLN road, 1st division, Jigani, Anekal, Bengaluru - 560105 ('Owner'). The Owner has represented to our client that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule Properties with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owner has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the aforesaid transaction in connection with the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

The following properties are all situated at Samanduru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru.

Sl.No	Sy. No.	Extent	Boundaries
1.	319/1 (Old Sy No. 319)	1 Acre 15 Guntas	East by : Survey No. 315; West by : Survey No. 351; North by : Survey No. 352 and South by : Remaining portion of Survey No. 319;
2.	316/1A	1 Acre 9.08 Guntas	East by : Survey No. 316/1B; West by : Survey No. 319/2 and 319/3; North by : Survey No. 315/4; and South by : Survey No. 316/2;
3	315/1	26 Guntas	East by : Survey No. 315/2; West by : Survey No. 319/2; North by : Survey No. 315/3; and South by : Survey No. 315/4;
4	315/4	1 Acre	East by : Survey No. 315/2; West by : Survey No. 319/2A; North by : Survey No. 315/1; and South by : Survey No. 316;
5	319/3	2 Acres	East by : Survey No. 316/1A West by : Survey No. 321; North by : Survey No. 319/2 and South by : Survey No. 318/5
6	8	1 Acre 3 Guntas	East by : Survey No. 11 West by : Survey No. 353/3; North by : Survey No. 354/3; and South by : remaining extent of Survey No. 8
	Total	**7 Acres 13.08 Guntas**	

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.04.2024

ABHIJIT ATUR, Advocate
M/s Agraa Legal, 2nd floor, No. 19, Shivashankara plaza, Lalbagh road, Richmond circle, Bengaluru - 560 002. Tel: (0) 080 – 22114370 +91-80-41680004 (M)+919663309317

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 01-XEN-CWS-MYSS-Zonal 2024-25 Dated: 15.04.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Name of Work	Appx. cost
Zonal Tender for Execution of Works and Supply of Materials for the period from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 at Ashokpuram Workshop, Mysuru South.	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 15.05.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Executive Engineer / Carriage Repair Workshop Mysuru Workshop

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

E-Auction Sale of Properties on 29.05.2024

Last date of EMD : 28.05.2024

ARM-1 Branch, 2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-25588028/ 25588641. E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29.05.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM)** through E-Auction underthe Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s ANTARES SYSTEMS LIMITED.** "Honganasu", #137/3, Bangalore Mysore Road, Opp. to Metro Pillar P-696, Kengeri, Bangalore – 560 060 e- mail: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com Contact Person & Number:- Sushmitha (8951944383)

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited **on or before 28.05.2024 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to Account No.**209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

Lot No	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor & Description of the immovable assets:
1	**Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor : 1. Sri Sapthagiri Agro** Rep by its Partner Mr. Sridhar Babu K S & Mrs. Vanitha Rani, Plot No. 3D & 133B, I & II phase KIADB Industrial Area, Antharasanahalli Tumkur-572106. **2. Mrs. Vanitha Rani** W /o Sridhar Babu K S, **3. Mr. Sridhar Babu K S** S /o Srinivas Shetty, **Both 2 & 3 reside at** Sapthagiri Nilaya, 4th Cross, Near Water Tank, Vidyanagar Tumkur - 572101. **Total Dues : Rs. 1,74,27,81,995.87 with further interest and cost there on** Industrial land and building bearing plot No.3/D formed in Sy.No.21 & 23 part formed in Lingapura Village, measuring 50.80 X (136.40+132.70)/2 mtrs i.e. 6784 sq. meters situated at KIADB industrial area Phase 1 Antharasanahalli Tumkur standing in the name of Sri Sapthagiri Agro Industry. Bounded on East : Plot No 4, West : KIADB 40 feet Road, North : Plot No 133 II Phase, South : Plot No 3-C4 and 3-C5 Industrial Land and building of 2 acres, Plot No.133 –B, formed in Sy.No.63 part of Thimlapura Village, with a extent of 6643 Sq.Mtrs situated at KIADB industrial area Phase 2, Antharasanahalli, Tumkur, standing in the name of Sri Sapthagiri Agro Industry. bounded on East : Plot No 4 and 133 C West ; KIADB Road 13 North ; Plot No. 133 A P1 and 133 A part South Plot No 3 D. **Reserve Price : ₹. 1362.00 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 136.20 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)** Hypothecation of plant and machinery situated at Lot No. 1 above and fixed asset as such as bunkers & Accessories, Electrical equipments in the name of Sapthagiri Agro industry **Reserve Price : ₹. 14620.00 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 146.20 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)** EMT of 2 shops bearing shop No.116/44, Khatha No. 1297/59/1258 ward No.35, Batawadi, measuring 8.5 mts x 14 mts., situated at 5th Main Road, APMC yard, Tumkur, in the name of Smt K S Vanitha Rani (partner) **Reserve Price : ₹. 29.00 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 2.90 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)**
2	**Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor : 1. M/S PADMAVATHI AGRO EXPORTS,** Rep by its partners **Mr. K K Naveen. Mr. T P Vikram,** Unit: Opp State ware House, B H Road Tumkur -572 101 ,Also at: 5th Main, APMC Yard Batwadi, Tumkur- 572 106, **2. Mr K K Naveen** S/o Mr K S Krishna Murthy,448, Pete Beedi, Chikkanayakanahalli, Tumkur District - 572 214, **3. Mr. T P Vikram** S/o Mr Bhadrachala Setty, Venkateshapura, Sira Gate, Tumkur 572 101, **4. Mr. Sridhar Babu K.S.** S/o Mr Srinivas Setty K S ,No. 101, 4th Cross, Sapthagiri Nilaya , Vidyanagara Tumkur -572101, **5. Mrs K S Vanitha Rani,** W/o of Mr Sridhar Babu K S, No. 101, 4th Cross, Sapthagiri Nilaya Vidyanagara, Tumkur-572101. **Total Dues : Rs. 47,41,36,718.08 with further interest and cost thereon.** Residential House property bearing Khata No.8731/1538, 8731B/1538B, New Corporation Khatha No.1731"b/1538/2791 PID No.25144 at Vidyanagara, Near Water Tank, Tumkur **Reserve Price : ₹. 120.00 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 12.00 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)** Site 1-B/22 A & 1-A/22A PID No.31/2170, 34/2072, at Unkal Village, Hubli Taluk, Dharwad District. **Reserve Price : ₹. 150.80 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 15.08 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)** Industrial Land site No.113-A-P3 in Sy.No.63 at Antharasanahalli Industrial Area, 2nd phase Thimlapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur . **Reserve Price : ₹. 197.60 (Rs.in Lakhs) EMD : ₹. 19.76 (Rs.in Lakhs) Incremental Bid : ₹.1.00 (Rs.in Lakhs)**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact, **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9448507473 and 9920720798** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru Date : 22.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch

Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theater , Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.
Phone: 080- 25943678/3663, Fax No. 080-25943664, Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

No: SBI/SARB/6760/SARF/....

A/c Nos.CC 64204064751, TL 64203989745, TL 37888113919, TL 37273924109, WCTL 39078230720, WCTL 39078299705, GECL 39391076768, GECL 40690406595

WHEREAS, the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, SME Jayanagar Branch, Bengaluru, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12)read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.10.2023** calling upon the borrower, **M/s Seegakula Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.** Regd. Office: # 44, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Prashanthnagar, Bengaluru– 560079 and **Factory Address:** No.324, 1st Stage, Sompura Industrial Area, Nidavanda Village, Sompura Hobli, Dabaspet, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru 562 132 **Represented by its Directors (1) Shri S Sathyanarayana Setty, (2) Smt.Sujatha S, (3) Shri Manoj N. and (4) Shri Hariharan Sakthivel** and Guarantors/Mortgagors **(1) Shri S Sathyanarayana Setty,** S/o Shri Channappa S Setty, **(2) Smt. Sujatha S,** W/o S Sathyanarayana Setty, **both No.1 & 2** are residing at No.44, 7th Cross, 1st Main Road, Prashanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560079 **(3) Shri Manoj N,** S/o Shri Nagaraj, No.771, "Lakshmi Nilaya", 12th Cross, Temple Road, Near Muthyalamma Temple, Bengaluru – 560054, **(4) Shri Hariharan Sakthivel,** S/o Shri Sakthivel, No.19, 2nd Cross, V P Road, Madivala, Bengaluru - 560068 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.5,30,58,199/-** (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on 11.10.2023 and future interest at contractual rate from **29.09.2023** together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

For administrative convenience of the Bank, the borrower's loan accounts are now maintained at Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (SARB), J C Road, Bengaluru, of the Bank. Therefore, the undersigned being Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J C Road, Bengaluru, is competent to issue this notice under the said Act.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the secured properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of thesaid Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **19.04.2024.**

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with these below mentioned immovable properties and any dealings with the said immovable properties will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.4,74,43,547.00 (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Four Lakh FortyThree Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven Only)excluding outstanding contingent liabilitiesas on 16.04.2024 as detailed below:**

S. No.	Account Number	Dues as on 16.04.2024 in Rs.
1	Cash Credit **A/c No.64204064751**	10,76,691.00
2	Term Loan-1**A/c No.64203989745**	2,60,19,695.00
3	Term Loan-2 **A/c No.37888113919**	58,32,403.00
4	Term Loan-3 **A/c No.37273924109**	29,87,328.00
5	WCTL -1 **A/c No.39078230720**	25,84,481.00
6	WCTL -1 **A/c No.39078299705**	14,21,895.00
7	GECL 1.0 **A/c No.39391076768**	19,03,868.00
8	GECL 30% **A/c No.40690406595**	56,17,186.00
	Total dues as on **16.04.2024**	4,74,43,547.00

and future interest at contractual rate from **17.04.2024 and cost, charges etc. thereon.**

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No. (1): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.44, in the BDA approved Amarjyothi Layout, formed by Amarjyothi House Building Co-Operative Society in Sy. No.435 of Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore having postal address 7th Cross, 1st Main, Prashanth Nagar, BBMP Ward No.36, Govindaraja Nagar, Benglauru -560 079 with BBMP PID No.36-159-44 measuring East to West 51 feet and North to South 40 feet with G+1 RCC constructed House thereon standing in the name of Shri S Satyanarayana Setty S/o Shri Chinnappa Setty vide Sale Deed dated 07.03.1990 registered as Document No. 4359/1989-90 on 07.03.1990 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampura, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : Road No.7, West by : Private Layout, North by : Site No.45, South by :Site No.43

Property No.(2): All that piece and parcel of the Free Hold KIADB industrial land bearing Plot No.324 in Sompura Industrial Area, 1st Stage comprised in Sy. No.parts of 5 & 6 within the village of Niduvanda, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring E&W 78.25M and N & S 51.70M & Total 4045.60 Sq. meters and building thereon, standing in the name of M/s Seegakula Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd vide Sale Deed Dated 5th September 2023 and registered as Document No. NMG-1-07878/2023-24 on 22.9.2023 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District and stored in Centralized Data storage and plot is bounded on: East by: Plot No.325, West by : Plot No.323, North by : KIADB Road, South by :Plot No.326

Ref:1) KIADB Allotment letter:No.HO/AS-2/Allot/17935/10986/2008-09 dated 27.12.2008.
2) KIADB Possession Certificate No. IADB/DO-3/17935/268/2010-11 dated 26.5.2010.
3) KIADB No Objection Certificate vide No.KIADB/HO/Allot/17935/3560/2016-17 dated 10.6.2016
Note: Both the above Property No.1 and Property No.2 have been mortgaged in favour of the bank vide Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds dated 19th January 2023 registered as Document No.VJN-1-09199/2022-23 and stored in CD No.VJND1262 on 08.02.2023 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru.

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 19.04.2024

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25" September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr)

Name and address of candidate : **P. C. MOHAN** #1928,30th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage,Banglore,560070
Name of political party : BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY
Name of Election : Election to Loka Sabha
* Name of the Constituency No.: -25- Bangalore Central Parliamentary Constituency.

I**P. C. MOHAN** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public in formation the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned And briefdescription of offence (s)
01	6th Addl. CMM Court Bengaluru City	Crime No. 50/2024 at Halasuru Gate Police Station Dated 19.03.2024	Still in FIR Stage and Same has been Stayed by the Hon'bl High Court of Karnataka in Crl. Pe.No. 2771/ 2024 (482)	143, 149, 188, 283, 290 and 268 of IPC 1860 Alleged unlawful Assembly, Disobedience to order lawfully made by public servant, Causing Obstruction in public way& public nuisance, carrying out protest in a place as per the licensing and Regulation of protesters, Demonstrations and protest marches (Bangalore City) Order, 2021under Section 31(1)(o) of the Karnataka police Act-1963
02	City Civil & Sessions judge, CCH-82 Bengaluru (Special Court) Presently case transferred to XLII Addl.CMM Bengaluru.	PCR No. 46/2019 (No FIR has been filed) Re-numbered as PCR No. 19837/ 2021 12.02.2019	Stayed By the Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide order dated 01/03/ 2021 in SLP (CRL) No. 1475/ 2021 Await Next hearing Date 13.06.2024	171G, 177,181, 191, 193, 199 and 200 of IPC The Complainant Mr.Ananda T.R, claiming to be a social activist and espousing the cause of Sringeri ShivagangaSharadaPeetamMutthas filed PCR No.46/2019 on 12/02/2019 before the City Civil & Sessions judge, CCH-82 Bengaluru (Special Court) Alleging that in the Form-26/Affidavit Submitted before the Returning officer while contesting for elections held in 2014and 2019, there is no disclosure and alleged suppression about certain immovableproperties owned in Lakshmipura Village, kasaba Hobli,Devanahalli Taluk, Hence liable to beprosecuted for giving false statement on oath or affirmation to public servant.

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
-	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

> Does providing Rs 2,000 and free bus rides for women, free electricity up to 200 units, and Anna Bhagya schemes constitute danger? Dividing society and polarising votes is dangerous, while fostering unity in diversity is not
>
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

Drought funds: Our fight for justice a success, says CM

Apex court's intervention forced Centre to act on the issue, say Cong leaders

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WITH the Centre informing the Supreme Court that it will take a decision on releasing drought-relief funds to Karnataka within a week, Congress leaders have hailed the development as a victory for the state.

The matter came up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Monday, at a time when the Congress and BJP were at loggerheads making it an election issue. The Congress accused the Centre of deliberately delaying the release of the funds and the BJP hit back by accusing the state government of not being able to provide relief to farmers.

"Thanks to the intervention of the Hon. The Supreme Court as the Central Government which had delayed providing drought relief funds to the farmers of Karnataka, has agreed to make a decision within this week," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah posted on 'X'.

He reiterated that the state was forced to file the writ petition seeking drought-relief funds as the central government did not take a decision on the memorandum that Karnataka submitted in September 2023.

"This is a milestone and a success in our long fight to secure justice and relief for the people of Karnataka," he said.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who was in the national capital to follow the state's case, said the Centre, which had delayed the release of drought-relief funds for eight months, ultimately conceded to the SC's intervention.

"In fact, the state government had submitted a memorandum to the Centre five-and-a-half months before the model code of conduct came into effect. Based on this, the central team came and conducted a review, appreciated the manner in which the state declared drought and submitted the final recommendation to the home minister on November 20. However, the central government deliberately delayed the release of funds," he said.

Karnataka had filed the writ petition alleging that the Centre had been denying the financial assistance for drought management under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and the Manual for Drought Management.

Cadres prefer Rahul to lead country, says Surjewala

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

FORMER AICC president Rahul Gandhi has adequately proved his leadership, and Congress workers would like him to lead the country, said party general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala.

"As far as the leader is concerned, as a worker of the Congress, I can say Rahul Gandhi has adequately proved his leadership... (based on) his compassion, his connect with the people, his capacity for hardwork, and his ideology and commitment to the cause of the common people. Of course, it will depend on numbers, but every Congress worker would like him to lead the country," Surjewala told *The New Indian Express*.

While BJP banks heavily on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress or its I.N.D.I.A bloc has not projected its prime ministerial face. However, the party's manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls has images of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul.

"The country needs a sensitive, sensible, compassionate, and people-loving person as Prime Minister," said Surjewala, who is campaigning in Karnataka. On the reason for not projecting the party's PM face, the Congress leader said they believe in a unitary command theatre with everybody falling in line. "One person, only one voice in the entire country, One Nation One Election, et cetera don't work," he said.

On BJP's argument that Rahul contesting from Wayanad and not from Amethi as an indication of accepting defeat, the Congress leader said such an argument is anti-India and against the ethos of this country. "This argument being raised by parochial forces out to divide the country into multiple shades of regionalism, language, caste, religion and identities," he said, adding that whether the sitting Wayanad MP will fight for a second seat or not, will be decided by Kharge and the Central Election Committee.

The Congress leader said the guarantees announced by the party were well-thought out. "People are owners of the state and the country. They are the biggest gods or temples, if I may say as a believer. If they are not participants, partners, and owners of any government, then you will cease to be a welfare state," he said, explaining the party's vision.

The AICC general secretary said there is an upsurge amongst the people for the Congress, which cuts across castes, religions, and regions. "In Karnataka, the Congress will easily get over 20 seats, considering the overwhelming support and affection which is much beyond expectations," he added.

Asked if the Lok Sabha poll results have any bearing on the state government's stability, the Congress leader said after the election and the stupendous results that they expect, BJP and JDS would crumble under their own weight. He reminded the BJP that during the Rajya Sabha polls, its MLAs did not vote for the party.

Political advertisements banned ahead of voting

Bengaluru: Election officials on Monday issued orders prohibiting all political parties, candidates and organisations from publishing any advertisements in the print media on or prior to the poll date on April 26 without pre-certification from the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee at state or district level. Officials also pointed out that the Election Commission of India has taken note of recent advertisements in the state and found them misleading and offensive. The ECI noted that such advertisements in the last stage of elections vitiate the entire election process. Meanwhile, election officials on Monday released the non-photo electoral rolls for Phase-3 districts on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka. Citizens can log on to https://voters.eci.gov.in/download-eroll?stateCode=S10 **ENS**

IN BJP BASTION KODAGU, A LEANING TOWARDS CONGRESS

PRAJNA GR @Madikeri

ONCE a BJP stronghold, Kodagu's political stand has changed in the recent past. Public opinion and voter mood reveals a neck and neck fight between the two national parties.

The district has over 4.5 lakh voters. While the elite section of residents and a large number of Hindu middle class residents wish to continue their support for BJP, minorities and backward class voters, including many tribes, have vouched to support the Congress.

A tribal settlement near Balugodu in Kodagu district | EXPRESS

Kodavas, who support the 'nationalist' ideology, have always favoured the BJP. Nevertheless, opinions collected across the district show a considerable number of Kodavas are in favour of Congress MLA AS Ponnanna. In South Kodagu, including Srimangala, Kutta, Gonikoppal and surrounding regions, a large population is in favour of Congress because of Ponnanna.

Many small growers too are likely to favour the Congress. "The Congress manifesto assures MSP and loan waiver, alongside implementation of the Swaminathan report. Small growers have not benefited from the BJP," shared Harish Madappa, a grower from Srimangala. Several youngsters in South Kodagu are also fans of the local MLA.

A majority of tribes are against the BJP as they allege exploitation by the party, and show a leaning towards Ponnanna. "BJP is involved in privatization of forests, leasing of encroached government lands to the encroachers and plans to change the Constitution. Exploitation of tribes is increasing and we hardly get justice," said JT Kalinga, a Jenukuruba leader.

The tribes have vouched to favour the Congress MLA, saying that he has attended to their needs even as homes are being sanctioned to them after years of Independence. Nevertheless, a section of tribes is also likely to be influenced by last-minute bribes.

Meanwhile, Muslim voters continue to back the Congress, despite feeling ignored. "Congress workers are only concentrating on the Vokkaliga belt and have not approached us for votes. But we have limited options and are forced to support Congress," said Ismail, a resident of Kandakere.

Apart from minorities across Ponnampet, the rest of the voters have vouched their support for the BJP-JDS alliance. In Madikeri, voters largely favour the BJP, and say, "No matter who gives us freebies, we will choose Modi at the Centre."

The Gowda voters from Bhagamandala, Appangala, Avanduru and surrounding regions, and the Kushalnagar belt are unmoved by the 'Vokkaliga' card play of the Congress. Across Somwarpet, it's close race as JDS votes might turn in favour of Congress because of a Gowda candidate. In Napoklu, several youngsters are actively involved in campaigning alongside MLA Ponnanna. However, it is said that these workers discreetly support BJP at the Centre.

Overall, it is 'Modi-wave' versus 'Ponnana-wave' in major parts of South Kodagu, and BJP is likely to do well in the northern belt of the district. While it is tough for Congress to get the expected lead with only minority and backward class votes, the vote count of BJP will definitely not be the lion's share.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman takes part in an interaction programme in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Political stability must for India to reach top 3 in economy: Nirmala

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UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda is to nurture the country's economy and everyone should support him and the government that has taken this up on priority.

Terming the UPA rule as a dark decade as the economy went into a bad state, she said, "But now we have become the fifth largest economy and we are confident of moving to the top three within the next few years. We need political stability for this."

At an interaction programme with members of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in Bengaluru, she said, "Though the opposition is trying hard to find corruption or decision missteps by the Union government, they are not able to."

Modi has set a target of achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. "This means that India will be among the developed countries in the world where our youngsters go for education, jobs and other opportunities. This will be a sea change in what we saw India in 2013-14 and now. Development does not happen without effort. People are putting efforts. But when the leadership fails to meet the expectations of people, growth will be stagnant," she said and highlighted the importance of political stability to become the top three countries in the world. "We need a clear vision. We need intensive action in every aspect of the economy," she added.

The finance minister also said India has come out of a big drawback because of the majority mandate by voters. The leadership now prioritise nation and not family.

She claimed that India witnessed a double rate inflation between 2009 and 2014. "Corporate investments had come down, redtapism and tax terrorism are all the ingredients of a fragile economy. Investment and infrastructure had collapsed due to policy paralysis," she said.

She pointed out that during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, 24,000 km of national highways were constructed and developed in five years, whereas in ten years of the UPA government, it was 16,000 km.

'Goal is to ensure a free and fair election'

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RANGANATH, a resident of Vishveshwaranagar, said, "It's heartening to see the authorities and businesses coming together to promote voter turnout. Closure of tourist spots and offering discounts not only help in increasing voter turnout, but also highlights the importance of our participation in shaping the future of our city."

Meanwhile an official from the SVEEP committee said, "Our goal is to ensure a high voter turnout and a free and fair election. We are holding discussions with all stakeholders on possible ways to increase voter turnout. By closing tourist spots, we aim to create an environment where every citizen feels empowered to exercise their democratic right."

FACE-OFF

Former PM HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law and noted cardiologist Dr CN Manjunath is taking on KPCC president DK Shivakumar's brother DK Suresh in Bangalore Rural. While Dr Manjunath is contesting for the first time, Suresh is seeking re-election for a fourth term. They spoke to Ashwini M Sripad...

'NEED TO TAKE UP MEKEDATU RESERVOIR PROJECT UNITEDLY'

How's the response to your campaign?
There is a positive response. I am touring all eight assembly constituencies, including three urban segments. People are welcoming me. They are expressing their love and affection.

Had you ever thought of plunging into politics?
Not even in my dreams. I was busy with my posts. But soon after retirement, a lot of felicitations happened at various places where people started stressing that I should join politics as they felt I had brought changes at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

Why on a BJP ticket?
Choosing the constituency and party were done by the high commands of both parties. It was not my decision.

What similarities do you see as a candidate of a political party and a medical practitioner?
I was surrounded by patients

and am now surrounded by people. Both are people-centric jobs and involves listening to their woes.

Did you get any advice by your father-in-law?
I could not have a one-to-one discussion with him. He or HD Kumaraswamy or HD Revanna, every one is campaigning in different constituencies. I don't believe in criticising people right from the beginning. I only stress on work done by BJP and JDS, and don't indulge in any personal attacks.

What can people expect from you if you get elected?
Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha constituency has water woes. Mekedatu reservoir construction can resolve this issue, and it has to be done unitedly. Ultimately, the state has to benefit. Sericulture is the major occupation in Ramanagara, Channapatna and Magadi, we need to make it internationally competitive by adopting modern technology. In case of cocoon prices falling, we need to help them with minimum support price. We need to take up urban pockets under the Smart City project. In India, 13 per cent of deaths are due to road accidents, one of the reasons is lack of trauma care centres in many places, I want to raise this issue so that one can get treatment in the golden hour. There is a need to fastrack Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences campus at Ramanagara. The Ayushman Bharat health scheme has to be strengthened further, and we need to take up price revision with private hospitals not taking this card. This has put a strain on government institutions.

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>
> DK Suresh

'MODI'S AGENDA IS TO DAMAGE BRAND BENGALURU'

What difference do you see in these polls and the previous elections?
Polls make no difference for me. I have contested for MP elections and worked for many too. During poll season, we will ask for votes, otherwise everything is routine work on normal days.

How are guarantee schemes impacting your voters?
We had given guarantee cards during the last elections. This made some difference in the results. However, people did not believe us completely, but we have implemented all five guarantee schemes. Because of the schemes, their lifestyle has changed. Irrespective of their caste or political party affiliations, people are saying it is helping them. This will help Congress in these polls. More than 80 per cent of beneficiaries, especially women, will vote for us.

This time, there is a BJP-JDS alliance candidate, how confident are you?

I have contested three elections earlier and compared to all three polls, I am more confident of winning this time.

BJP national leaders, including PM Modi, Union ministers and UP CM Yogi Adityanath are coming to Bengaluru Urban and Rural for campaigning, what is your take?
They have not tackled any of Karnataka's issues, including the water crisis. In fact, Yogi Adityanath has taken our money and developed his state. There was a time when companies used to come to Bengaluru, now they are taking them to Ahmedabad. Modi's hidden agenda is to damage the image of Brand Bengaluru. This will help them improve their states, special packages are given to Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, but not to Karnataka.

Do you think Ram Mandir will be an issue?
In Karnataka, there are many temples, there is no shortage of gods and temples here. People who worship only Rama in Karnataka are few. I am also constructing a Ram Mandir at my place, but am not beating drums about it. BJP is using Ram in these polls.

How do you see the JDS-BJP alliance, last time the same JDS was with you...
People who like me are in JDS and in BJP. They want to vote for me and this is because of my work. They know that if they lose me, it is a loss to their district. Former PM Deve Gowda knows they will not get votes and that's why he got his son-in-law a BJP ticket. This shows how insecure they are.

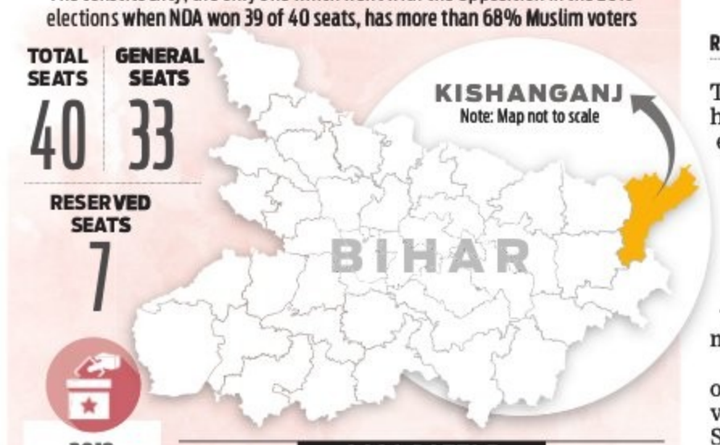
The country is being told that Hindus are in danger. Attempts are being made to create tension... Hindus constitute 80% of the population, while the Muslims constitute about 14%. How can 14% of the population be a danger to the 80%?

Omar Abdullah, National Conference leader

BIG FIGHT

Owaisi's AIMIM enters poll fray, likely to split Muslim votes

The constituency, the only one which went with the Opposition in the 2019 elections when NDA won 39 of 40 seats, has more than 68% Muslim voters



2019 WINNER
MOHAMMAD JAWED (INC)
GENERAL
MARGIN 34,466 (3.13%)
TOTAL VOTERS 16,59,651
MALE 8,59,058
FEMALE 8,00,533

2024 BATTLE

MOHAMMAD JAWED (INC) | MUJAHID ALAM JD(U) | AKHTARUL IMAN (AIMIM)

(Others contesting: Babul Alam (BSP) Shahabuzzama Bhartiya (RSP) 7 independents)

PARTYWISE RESULTS IN 2019

66.38% 2019 POLLING PERCENTAGE

2014 LOK SABHA ELECTION
WINNER MOHAMMAD ASRARUL HAQUE PARTY: INC
VICTORY MARGIN 1,94,612

VOTER TURNOUT
2019 (66.38%) 34,466
2014 (64.5%) 14,38,990
2009 (44.5%) 80,269

Muslim-majority constituency in Bihar votes on April 26 amid fears of rivals spoiling each other's share

Dateline Kishanganj in 3-way contest

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE Muslim-dominated Kishanganj Lok Sabha constituency in Bihar is likely to witness a triangular fight with Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM hoping for a split in Muslim votes and also trying to cash in on anti-incumbency being allegedly faced by sitting Congress MP Dr Mohammad Jawed.

The constituency, which has over 68% Muslim voters, will vote in the second phase of Lok Sabha election on April 26. While Congress has given ticket to its MP Dr Mohammad Jawed, JD (U) has fielded Mujahid Alam. On the other hand, state AIMIM chief Akhtarul Iman has also thrown his hat into the ring.

There are six assembly segments in the constituency—Kishanganj, Thakurganj, Bahadurganj, Kochadhamanan, Baisi and Amnour. Of these, four MLAs are from the RJD and one each from the Congress and the AIMIM.

In the 2020 Bihar assembly election, AIMIM sprang a surprise by winning five assembly seats. Four MLAs later switched to RJD later.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Mohammad Jawed of Congress won by securing 33.32% of the votes polled. He won against Mahmood Ashraf of JD (U) who could manage to secure 30.19% of the votes polled. In 2014 Lok Sabha election, Mohammad Asrarul Haque of Congress won by defeating his nearest rival Dr. Dilip Jaiswal of BJP.

Deciding factors

Kishanganj is a part of Bihar's Seemanchal region bordering West Bengal and Nepal and is close to the Bangladesh border. The Citizen Amendment Act has not rattled the residents in the Muslim-dominated constituency. On the other hand, soaring prices of essential commodities, poverty, migration, unemployment and poor healthcare have emerged major issues.

Constituency WATCH KISHANGANJ

PM Narendra Modi recently raised the CAA issue prominently during his rally in neighbouring Purnea. However, people generally reject CAA or NRC as mere poll gimmick, said a local Pramod Kumar.

Lowest income

Kishanganj is one of the poorest districts of Bihar with a per capita income of Rs 23,000 (as per Economic Survey 2022) and a low literacy level. Within the Muslim electorate, the support of Soorjapuri Muslims (estimated around 5 lakh) is considered crucial for the victory of any candidate. Barring in 1967, the constituency has elected only Muslim candidates.

"This time Muslim voters are fully determined to vote en bloc against BJP (read NDA). We are united and our votes will not be divided," claimed Mohammad Javed Anwar, a city resident.

AIMIM a spoiler?

It all depends on how many votes AIMIM's Akhtarul Iman gets. But Iman is not a new face for the voters. He had unsuccessfully contested elections in 2019 too. Iman is currently an MLA from Amour assembly constituency.

The JD(U) changed the candidate. "We are relying on various welfare works initiated by our leader Nitish Kumar, who has brought about a transformation in madrssas and other institutions where children of Muslim community study," said JD(U) nominee Mujahid Alam.

Nitish at an election rally also reminded people of Muslim community not to forget the development works carried out for the community by the state government. Former Union minister and BJP's Shahnawaz Hussain was also present in rally to show that NDA was intact.

The JD(U) candidate has an advantage that he will get a lion's share of 30% votes of the Hindus in the constituency.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge has campaigned for the party nominee. His visit appears to have enthused party workers who work as a cohesive force to ensure reelection of Javed for a second term.

Former deputy Chief Minister and RJD's Tejashwi Prasad Yadav has also asked RJD workers to ensure the Congress victory. Congress is an RJD ally, a part of the Bihar grand alliance. It was the only constituency from where Congress won the seat in 2019 general election.

Dr Jawed claims he is going to repeat history despite an anti-incumbency factor against the sitting MP.

Amid claims and counter-claims, voters in Kishanganj are silent on lending their support. However, Congress nominee appears to have an edge.

As for infrastructure, roads have become better and bridges have come up. The changed landscape has acres of standing maize crops, small tea gardens that have sprung up in the district as businessmen set up new ventures.

KANKER

Shah warns Maoists: Give up arms, or face consequences

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday offered two choices to the banned CPI (Maoist): either surrender, get rehabilitated or face the bitter consequences, asserting that the left-wing extremists have been considerably marginalised.

The polling in Kanker will be held on April 26.

Shah was addressing a BJP rally at the Scheduled Tribe-reserved Kanker Lok Sabha constituency, where security forces killed 29 Maoists in an encounter last week.

Shah said for his party, the first right over the country's resources remains with the adivasis, dalits and the poor, unlike the Congress that said the minorities had the "first right" over India's resources.

Shah asked the locals to persuade the Maoists to surrender. "If they are reluctant, then no need to worry. We will eliminate them from Chhattisgarh.

"The Modi government has wiped out Maoists from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh. If you vote for PM Modi for a third term, Maoists will be driven out of Chhattisgarh in two years. As long as the Maoist problem exists, there can be no development, no education, no health services, no peace, no electricity and other amenities," he said. He said besides eliminating terrorism from the country, PM Modi has taken the fight against the left-wing extremists to its logical conclusion.

He said in the last four months, 90 Maoists were neutralised after BJP returned to power in Chhattisgarh, while 123 were arrested and 250 surrendered. "The Modi-led Centre that united the country has also carried out various development works for the state. The PM has given ₹4 lakh crore for the growth and development of the state and its people while the Congress during its regime allocated only ₹77,000 crore. The tribal budget was raised to ₹1,24,000 crore," he said.

He sought the people's support to achieve the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 as envisioned by PM Modi and turn the country as the third biggest economy globally. "To achieve these aims, the next five years are very crucial", he asserted.

He blamed the Congress for not attending the Ram temple consecration ceremony.

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ALIGARH

PM steps up attack on Cong over wealth redistribution promise

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

STEPPING up attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused it of intending to usurp national resources and people's property as "its birthright".

A day after claiming that the Congress, if elected to power at the Centre, would distribute people's property, land and gold among those with more children, Modi said the party was eyeing people's possessions.

"The Congress prince says that after getting people's possessions investigated, the government will take possession of the property and get it distributed to everyone... Our sisters and mothers have gold...the 'stri dhan' protected even by the law. Their eyes are on the 'Mangalsutra' of our mothers and daughters," he added.

While addressing a public rally in Aligarh, the PM asserted that the Congress and the opposition bloc were driven by "Maoist and communist" ideology which had destroyed a number of nations. He said the Congress and its leaders managed to create immense wealth for themselves over the years but never bothered about welfare of the poor.

Asserting that the people of Aligarh had locked the factories of nepotism, corruption and appeasement run by the Congress and SP, Modi exhorted them to seize the opportunity and liberate the nation from the shackles of poverty, corruption and dynastic politics.

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Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

'Politics of pleasing'

Modi accused the Congress-SP alliance of perpetuating politics of appeasement but failing to take steps to rid Muslims of political, social and economic backwardness.

ELECTION 2024

Cong rebel to fight as Independent

Congress rebel Vishal Patil stuck to his decision to contest the Sangli seat as an independent candidate and did not withdraw his nomination on Monday, which was the last day for the process. Sangli will vote on May 7. The Congress and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), both part of Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance, were engaged in a tussle over the Sangli seat for weeks and the latter unilaterally declared wrestler Chandrahar Patil as its candidate.

Apni Party backs Sajad Lone

The Apni Party on Monday extended its support to People's Conference chief Sajad Lone, who is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from north Kashmir's Baramulla constituency. Party chief Altaf Bukhari announced the support for Lone during a press conference, days after Lone had sought his help to consolidate the anti-National Conference votes in the constituency. Lone is pitted against Omar Abdullah, the National Conference vice-president and former CM of the erstwhile J&K state.

Cong moves EC against PM's 'infiltrators' remark

Congress names 7 more candidates

The Congress on Monday announced the names of seven more candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Punjab and Bihar. In Bihar, the Central Election Committee chose Madan Mohan Tiwari for Paschim Champaran, Ajay Nishad in Muzaffarpur, Akash Prasad Singh for Maharajganj, Sunny Hazari for Samastipur, Manoj Kumar for Sasaram in Bihar. It chose Yamini Gomar for Hoshiarpur constituency and Amarjit Kaur Sahoke for Faridkot in Punjab

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "infiltrators" remark, the Congress on Monday moved the Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking action against him over the controversial speech where he named a community and accused it of grabbing the country's resources.

A party delegation, including Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Gurdeep Singh Sappal, met the poll body.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Dr Singhvi said four or five elements in the PM's speech were "deeply, deeply objectionable".

"The PM had named a community. He has talked of religion blatantly; he has talked of communal and community blatantly", he said, adding that the PM has linked it with deprivation of resources for the majority and garnering a monopolisation of resources by them.

Singhvi said the PM also brought up the Hindu imagery of no less than the 'Mangal sutra' in clear violation of the Section 123; the basic principle of not allowing incitement and inflammation of communal passions.

"We respect the office he holds. He is as much our PM as he is of the BJP. The higher the post he holds, the more the obligation on him to exercise restraint," said Singhvi.

The Congress leader urged the commission to act "because the Election Commission itself is on trial that irrespective of the status of the person who has done this, appropriate action as in other cases will and must follow shortly".

Questioning EC's silence, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury wrote to the CEC seeking registration of an FIR against Modi.

PALAKKAD

Old warhorse defending the 'Red Fort' in Tipu's forgotten land

RAVI SHANKAR

CENTURIES of war have left their mark on Palakkad. It was through the Palghat pass that Tipu Sultan chased the East India Company's forces to Calicut. It was through it that he returned to Mysore upon hearing of his father Hyder's passing. Had he succeeded in driving the English to the Arabian Sea in the late 1700s, India's history might have been different. Tipu's grim legacy in Palakkad is his fort: a black granite mass which ironically houses the local jail. Palakkad was once the red fort which the Communists had held for six consecutive terms until 2019, the Congress party's VK Srikanthan wrested it.

Palghat, which lies in the cradle of the Western Ghats, is a realm of legend. The purple-green mountains, their silhouettes fading softly into a sky laminated by the summer sun of Malabar, the endless emerald stretch of paddy fields and the black palmiras arching their slender trunks against the winds that race down through the Palghat Pass have witnessed centuries of strife.

This time, the CPM has deployed its old warhorse A Vijayaraghavan, a CPM politburo member to redeem its reputation. Vijayaraghavan's grouse is mainly against Narendra Modi, who he accuses of introducing the politics of caste and religion to Kerala. The state is a bastion which Hindutva has been attempting to storm over the last decade, and Palakkad with its notable Hindu and Muslim population is high on the saffron list.

No politician can afford to ignore the tribal vote in poverty-scathed Attapadi.

Krishnakumar promises to bring drinking water to the mountainous region through the Pradhan Mantri Jal Jeevan Mission. He also vows to bring Modi to its arid hills to inaugurate the scheme. A tall promise. "Remember, water pipes are not meant to be dug into the ground and left to rot. Central funds must be used to give connections to the people," says Krishnakumar. "Modi's guarantee for a New Kerala is our slogan," he says.

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The BJP pitch hitter squarely blames the Left's unionist mindset for Palakkad's industrial debilitation. There are no jobs. "Communists strikers shut down major industries," he says. "The Left has turned Kerala into an industrial wasteland."

But the CPM cadres in Palghat have survived, and how. Metro Man E Sreedharan who contested on a BJP ticket in the last Assembly election recalls, "I was winning comfortably until votes in some panchayats were counted. They are Marxist strongholds. They had nothing personal against me; their sole aim was to defeat the BJP."

Communist workers have set up speech stops every 2km; small and shady pandals sporting red hammer and sickle flags and can seat about 50 people. Vijayaraghavan's speeches aren't as fiery as you would expect. "The country has reached a dangerous crossroads. I know many Kerala MPs and have disagreements with them. None of them raise Kerala's issues. When the CM (Pinarayi Vijayan) agitated against Delhi sidelining Kerala's interests, none of them joined him."

With Kerala's pride at stake, Palghat is a fastness the Congress is trying to hold. It sees the Lok Sabha election as preparatory for the next Assembly polls two years away. Unlike the communists, the Congress cannot mobilise people to sweat it out in 45 degree heat. The temperature, however, doesn't deter the Srikanthan who has a grassroots rep as a hands-on MP, distributing new clothes to Anakatty's adivas or embarking on a door-to-door campaign.

Palakkad is a declared A-Plus seat for BJP, though Srikanthan perceives the campaign as a two-way contest between him and the Left. In spite of such fissures there's no personal mud being flung about; if there is, it is local Congressmen maligning their own candidate. Though Tipu converted locals by the sword, slaughtering Nair and Ezhava fighters in the hundreds, his ghost haunts neither the sun-dappled village lanes where serpent gods laze under ancient banyan trees nor the glitzy new malls in town. A colonial relic that has survived for two centuries is a pedestal with five vintage lamps which stands at the Fort Maidan junction; it was built to honour an Indian Collector who died for his dignity. However, it will be known soon whether Tipu's Fort or the Five Lamps are symbols of acceptance or travesties. In Palghat, history always shapes the winner.

EDITORIAL

Child poverty is anything but an unalterable reality. Changing it requires mobilising funds of the sort being wasted on ventures like America's forever wars

Rajan Menon

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— Ramnath Goenka

AS COLLECTION SOARS, GOVT MUST FOCUS ON WIDENING THE TAX NET

DIRECT tax revenues rose by an impressive 18 percent in 2023-24. A similar trend has been seen in goods and services tax, whose total collections crossed ₹20 lakh crore for the first time, posting a 12 percent growth over the previous year. The strong direct tax and GST collections show the government has been able to plug many loopholes in the system that allowed evasion or underpayment. The government should now devise plans to widen the tax net and bring more people under it. The number of income tax payers in the country remains minuscule and this has been seen as a failure of successive governments.

The latest direct tax collection numbers show an encouraging trend in personal income tax, which has grown 25 percent year-on-year compared to a 10.26 percent increase in corporate tax collections. While one could raise a moral question over the slow growth in corporate taxes, the government and the revenue department would be satisfied with their efforts in achieving such high growth in personal income tax collection. In absolute terms, too, personal income tax (₹10.44 lakh crore) exceeded corporate tax collections (₹9.11 lakh crore) by a fair margin. Personal income taxes usually account for 17-18 percent of total tax collected in India, including by the states. In many developed countries, personal income taxes account for a more substantial chunk of the total—for example, income tax accounts for 41 percent of all taxes collected in the US. While that share may be difficult to attain soon, India should strive for higher collection through both personal income taxes and corporate taxes in the long run.

Technology, including a focus on the digital economy, has helped the tax department keep a close eye on large transactions involving individuals. Apart from that reliance, tax collected at source or TCS and tax deducted at source or TDS have also helped bring a larger number of people under the tax net. The number of individual income taxpayers—9.4 crore in assessment year 2022-23—is still too low. However, the government must not go overboard with its efforts to widen the tax net by unleashing an overzealous regime.

MEN GRAPPLERS MISS AN OLYMPIC CHANCE

IF the Asian Olympic Games qualifier for wrestling is anything to go by, the men's team's failure to secure even a single place in Paris can be termed abysmal. The freestyle wrestlers, who were expected to win at least one or two places, could not even enter the semis barring Aman Sehrawat in the 57 kg category. To add to the woes, two wrestlers—Deepak Punia (86 kg) and Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg)—could not participate because of the unprecedented floods in Dubai, where they were stuck at the airport for more than two days. Despite efforts from the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) officials, including its president Sanjay Singh, the organisers did not let them participate.

The men's freestyle team has managed to fetch medals from every Olympics—except in Rio, where Sakshi Malik won a bronze for the women's team—since Sushil Kumar's bronze in the 2008 Beijing Games. In the last Olympics in Tokyo, where we had as many as seven wrestlers including four women, the men won two medals—a silver by Ravi Dahiya and a bronze by Bajrang Punia. The three men and one of the women had secured their quotas during the Wrestling World Championships in 2019 way before the Asian qualifiers. This time, only Antim Panghal qualified during the Worlds in 2023. This should have served as a warning.

But wrestling was in chaos at the time. The WFI was under suspension; the *ad hoc* committee formed by the Indian Olympic Association was headed by a wushu official. The Sports Authority was ensuring wrestlers' training did not suffer. The Target Olympic Podium Scheme was managing its grapplers. But the thing that hurt the most was a lack of exposure. The tussle between the sports ministry and WFI made things worse. The wrestlers used to participate in a host of invitational tournaments, but this time those events dried up. There were no national camps either.

The bright spot is that four women have managed to secure Olympic berths. Vinesh Phogat, who was at the forefront of the protest against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, won a quota in 50 kg. Later, Reetika Hooda and Anshu Malik earned their places too. India have one more chance during the world qualifying round in May, where Deepak, a former Worlds medallist, has a bright chance to secure a place. But going by the last few months' performances, the men's contingent needs drastic improvement.

QUICK TAKE

ACTING ON THE ACT

A Supreme Court bench headed by the chief justice observed that the implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act remained dismal more than five years after its enactment. It noted that many states had not even framed the rules, which was to be done six months within the Act's notification. The court picked out the states and territories that had not appointed commissioners, set up funds, or the special courts envisioned for speedy trials under the Act. The Centre needs to coordinate the efforts and help the states on implementation. Otherwise, we will be failing the crores of citizens who need the infrastructure of support.

THE summer is a fiery one, in more ways than one. An election is on in India. The first phase of polling is done. Claims and counter-claims as to who is winning are on. Television news is having a heyday, polarised between the two formations of the NDA on one side and the INDIA coalition on the other.

The gloves are off. No subterfuge anymore. The masks are off as well. You watch the channel you belong to. Or must I say the political formation you support? What is said on television news is believed by the believer (who already believes) to be gospel truth. Just as there are two coalitions at loggerheads with one another in this election, there are two formations of media channels, newspapers, digital news offerings, influencers, comedians, film stars, cricketers, WhatsApp groups, and even people at cocktail parties. All divided.

While many media outfits have already pronounced the winner, the truth however remains that all this is maya created by each of the contending formations. Each saying the win is theirs. Everything is but an assumption. The truth for 102 constituencies is already locked in EVMs kept safely away from the hustle and bustle of the election. The balance 441 are waiting to be filled with the uncommon mandate of the common man. The mandate of the electorate will be known on June 4, 2024, when counting begins and concludes. Till then, the truth is that no one knows who will form the new government in New Delhi ahead. An election is not done till the counting is done. From all my pre-election travel in India, this election is surely not a boring one. It is an exciting one instead. It's not done. Not yet.

In the run-up to this election, every party has put forth an election manifesto. A statement of intent, and a statement packed with promises. A manifesto in many ways is a promissory note, if not a promissory document. Every party has done its bit. While many pack their manifesto with "intent", "promise" and "guarantee", it is important to appreciate the trend across all parties that seem to polarise their manifesto to the extreme end of these three, hinging on the "guarantee". While intent is a statement of direction, a promise is that much more specific and rigid (hinged on a give and take policy), and the guarantee is a freebie for sure.

The manifesto market has therefore gone through a redux. Every party has decided to go the freebie way. It is a freebie packaged to look that much more dignified with the outer-garment word, 'guarantee'.

All parties are promising handouts in the name of guarantees. The freebies can be sorted between those desperately needed and those not desirable for the country

ELECTION FREEBIES: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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I have just finished reading and analysing the manifesto document of six political parties that are in the fray for general elections 2024. I must say that I am convinced that the freebie is all around in plenty. But then, there are many kinds of freebies. For the sake of this column, I have put them into four buckets. The first freebie I see is the need-based freebie. And then there is the want-based, the desire-based and the aspiration-based.

The moment I use the word freebie, does it mean that all freebies are bad? Are all guarantees bad? Not really. In my segmentation of guarantees, there is the good, the bad and the ugly. And maybe a few "very ugly", even. Let me explain.

The good guarantee is the need-based freebie. India is a land of the poor (even though we seldom acknowledge it in the midst of all the personal prosperity we experience and what we see in popular media) and the impoverished. Let's remember, despite the best efforts of the government over the last 15 years, we still have as many as 3.44 crore people who live in extreme poverty. To these, food and education are items deprived. The good guarantee and the good freebie is therefore one that promises food every day and education for the children of these deprived classes, to aim for betterment. This is what I would call the "need-based freebie". Free "dal, cheeni (sugar), chaawal (rice) and atta (flour)" to the deprived, all fall in this category.

The bad guarantee, then, is the one that caters to the greed of those who live above the poverty line in India. When I have everything that sustains my daily life, I still want more. I look forward to election time and look forward to the new mixer-grinder to replace my old one, the LCD television set to upgrade from the old one, and items of this type. I call this the "want-based freebie". People have wants. They always will. Let them cater to their wants based on hard work. Why offer a freebie to this category of people at all? This surely is the bad freebie. The bad guarantee. The key point: the intent behind this guarantee is questionable.

The ugly guarantee is one that promises a dole of sorts. Many of these are 'desire-based freebies'. A dole for the unemployed for instance. Why must this even be attempted? A dole offered to the hale and hearty young folk of India typically kills the animal spirit of working for a living. An ugly freebie is easy to spot in a manifesto. You just need to look. And protest. A desire-based freebie is best discouraged, if not denied altogether.

My final categorisation of the apogee-freebie is the "aspiration-based freebie". What is this now? All of us have aspirations. This aspiration is for ourselves, our families, our communities, our state and indeed our country and the planet at large. This I do believe is the most benign of all freebies to offer. If your party manifesto offers an agenda for clean air, clean water and clean everything (corruption included), it sure is a benign one. This is a super-good freebie. A manifesto that aspires to create a pollution-free tomorrow is a good one to back. Does a manifesto offer you a game plan to progress on all counts social, economic, political and religious for the common benefit of all? This is a good plan.

The net of it, after having immersed hours into reading the political party manifesto of every colour, I do believe we must offer the guarantee and freebie in India. The good ones to offer are the need-based freebies and the aspiration-based freebies. Let's avoid and shun the want-based and desire-based avatars of the guarantees altogether.

A point to make as an end point. The freebie is in the election manifesto as a promise, and the freebie is on the ground as well as an inducement to vote. We need to be watchful.

May I then urge each one of us to look deeper and wider into the political party manifesto and decide for yourself which is the good freebie, which the bad and which the ugly?

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READING THE WIND FOR THE BIG BIGHT

ANY number of liberal luminaries have propounded that the 2024 general election could change the face of India's polity. Narendra Modi was elevated to the status of authoritative infallibility after the 2019 general election. If GE2024 returns him again, as it is likely to—especially if with the absolute majority of his two previous victories—opposition leaders fear the BJP will take the road to monocracy.

This apprehension is not limited to the opposition. These elections have the entire world taking notice. Waiting for 969 million fractious people to elect a national government can reduce psephologists, academics and diplomats to dizziness. While being tentatively optimistic that "it is more likely the obituary of India's democracy has been written too soon", Diego Maiorano, senior professor of Indian history at the University of Naples and author of *Autumn of the Matriarch: Indira Gandhi's Final Term in Office* and co-author of *The Politics of Poverty Reduction in India: The UPA government 2004-14*, hazarded, "In the near term, the elections will determine whether voters are still comfortable with democratic erosion witnessed in recent years."

That there have been erosions on the institutional chequerboard of India is not in doubt. Nor has Modi or the BJP tried to minimise the *soi-disant* virtues of limited freedoms. Modi himself hinted at the probability of post-election "big decisions" at a recent pow-wow of star-rated business honchos, eliciting not the uproarious applause of yesteryears but rictuses of discombobulation. Many observers, from the left to centre-right, expect the Constitution to be brought under the legislative hammer, starting with the 42nd amendment that introduced "socialist" and "secular" to the constitutional description of India.

Now, take the juggernaut electoral solution being cannonaded by the PM—One Nation, One Election—which the BJP has promised in its manifesto. Modi reiterated that India would benefit "a lot" if ONOE were implemented. India has never had general elections as long as this year's—44 days. Until the 1999 elections that brought the BJP's Atal Bihari Vajpayee to power, general elections had been brief affairs of three or four days, with the 10-day-long 1971 general election having been the longest.

There are also reports of a new project for funding parties in the works—*a la* the electoral bonds scheme that was illegalised by the Supreme Court—but without legally actionable weaknesses. Nonetheless, until the Tuesday of June 4, these fears, while understandable, are conjectural.

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Veteran journalist

The BJP—read Modi, for what is the party without him?—fought the 2014 and 2019 elections on the basis of one leader, one policyman, one mover-and-shaker. Helped along by the outrage of the Pulwama attack

ELECTION COMMISSION

> General elections used to be 3-4-day affairs before 1999; except in 1971, when it stretched over 10 days. This year, the 44-day juggernaut of an election is witnessing a momentum-shifting tussle between sub-regional tensions and the Centre's consolidatory tendencies

and Balakot airstrike, the 2019 election was all about a colossal presidential figure whose presence was defined not by gold braids and epaulettes, but by populist subcultural headdresses and raiments. This monomorphic one-person-one-issue turned into an electoral *sine qua non* during assembly elections, which were sought to be modelled on the lines of a general election.

At least in north, north-central and western India, this homogenisation worked. State-level concerns took a backseat to force-ripened national issues of precarious security and 'hyper-nationalism', to use economist Kaushik Basu's cautionary word. Until three months ago, this monolithisation was the BJP's intended methodology for GE2024.

Then, something changed. The regional parties decided, almost as if by coincidental agreement, to focus on state-specific issues during this election. The BJP seems unable to breathe back the wind taken out of its sails by the SC's electoral bonds judgement. Last month, more than four years after it was ratified by parliament, the central government notified the rules for the Citizenship Amendment Act. But, tellingly, the move has not caught on and the BJP, never more aware of the mood of the moment, has backburnered it.

Modi's inauguration of the Ram mandir at Ayodhya, a self-regarding act of political defiance to the pietistical proscription on consecrating incomplete edifices, was supposed to be his wrap-up of GE2024. But according to a reliable survey, while 22 percent voters considered the mandir Modi's "most liked action", only 8 percent said it was their primary concern. The appeal of the Hindu Rashtra, vaguely defined and endlessly deferable, stands at 2 percent.

Neither is a game-changer. Not even in the north. And certainly not in the south or the east, two disparate regions united by the choked devolution of funds from a saffron Centre to differently-coloured states. There is growing disconcertment—with sub-regionalism segueing over into occasional secessionism and even balkanist theorising—about the electoral overweightage of states loyal to saffronism. A seemingly irreconcilable contumacy, difficult to not sympathise with, now sets the southern states apart from the northern.

It is no great prediction, therefore, that the results of GE2024, whatsoever they are, will exacerbate this separation. Nor that this roiling disaffection will grow inexorably until the year of the delimitation of constituencies—whether 2026 or 2029, because the BJP, unable to reconcile detrition with its own consolidatory tendencies, might decide to kick it down the road.

Whatever it is, this is that general election which polities loosening at the seams fear: one fought not on unificatory national lines, but on those of sub-regionality.

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Safeguarding finances

Ref: *Declare a war on cybercrimes* (Apr 22). The rise in cybercrime rates in Bengaluru is alarming, with detection rates declining sharply. Immediate action from authorities is crucial to combat evolving cyber threats effectively and safeguard citizen's finances.
Niveditha S Nair, Thrissur

Infirm stand

P Chidambaram's contention that the Citizenship Amendment Act was dropped from the manifesto because it was too long does not hold water, for it implies the Congress has not considered the CAA an important issue. Inability to take a firm stand on important matters has been its Achilles' heel.
A Krishnan, Palakkad

Develop Dhenkanal

Dhenkanal is set to witness a fierce battle between BJP and BJD candidates. Though the Congress has fielded a veteran candidate as well, the party seems to be far behind the other two. As a resident of the Dhenkanal area, I have seen political parties fighting for 40 years, but none for developing the district. So one hopes for this to change in the new tenure.
Akhil Pradhan, Angul

Exhilarating trip

Ref: *Thrilling reminders of sacred geography* (Apr 22). The author's experience-based narration of exhilaration after her visit to the Ram Lalla temple in Ayodhya was excellent. The divine thread connecting north and south India, as woven by Vaishnavite Aalvaars of Tamil Nadu, was exceptional. Her mention of Naimisharanya and her eagerness to visit it along with the details of the divinity of the holy river Sarayu, in which Lord Ram ended his avatar, are absorbing. Naimisharanya is a small holy compendium to discerning minds.
R Sampath, Chennai

TB medicines

It is very pitiable that nowadays the drugs required for TB patients are not being supplied at Kalahandi district. Though the number of patients is less, the suppliers of the medicines should have taken steps to get them from other sources by escalating the issue.
Bolloju Meghanadham, Visakhapatnam

Violating code

Ref: *'Cong selling lies on Constitution to scare voters'* (Apr 22). The communal appeal made by Narendra Modi in Rajasthan, where he said the wealth of Hindus would be distributed to Muslims by the Congress if it comes to power, is in violation of the model code of conduct. Hope the EC will take action according to the law.
P H Hema Sagar, Secunderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Nirmala Sitharaman @nsitharaman
Under the Modi govt, we understand where capitalism needs to be tempered down a bit so that communities will benefit & not just one person

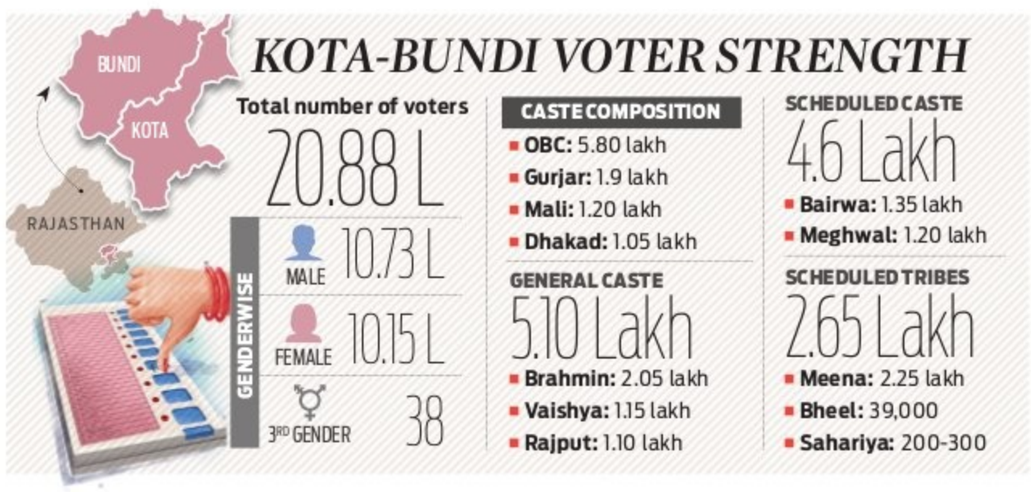
Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
I am saying it again. This is not just an election to form a government, this is an election to save the country, this is an election to protect the Constitution

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
ECI's failure to take suitable action will further undermine its credibility as an autonomous institution and lead to further vitiation of the environment for a free and fair poll

Birla faces Raje loyalist in Kota

■ Cong candidate switched sides 2 months ago ■ LS Speaker known for poll management

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur



THE poll battle in Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha constituency in Rajasthan has drawn attention as Speaker Om Birla of the BJP is contesting against Congress candidate Prahlad Gunjal.

Gunjal, who was a loyalist of former CM Vasundhara Raje, switched allegiance from the BJP to Congress two months ago. Local residents say the intensity of the contest this time was absent in Kota-Bundi seat in the past 15 years. The interest in this election has surged following lower voter turnout in the first phase of polling.

Muslims form the largest group with approximately 2.70 lakh voters, followed by Meena voters at 2.25 lakh. Gunjal hails from the Gurjar caste, which accounts for around 1.90 lakh voters in the constituency. Traditionally Gurjars have been supporters of the BJP.

Om Birla is known for his expertise in election management and has a well-organised management team backing him. His gentle and approachable manner is helping him strike a chord with voters. "Furthermore, Birla enjoys backing from both state and national BJP organizations," an analyst said. "As the Lok Sabha Speaker, he has a strong presence in each assembly area and he benefits from a robust social media team," the analyst said.

Birla also faces challenges. He is often perceived as the same face being presented repeatedly, which could affect voter enthusiasm, another analyst said. "BJP's loss of four assembly seats in the 2023 elections has also been a point of criticism for Birla," he said.

Constituency WATCH KOTA

The opposition has targeted him on issues related to corruption in airports. Gunjal's candidacy poses a risk of Gurjar voters' shift to the Congress. Gunjal enjoys party workers' confidence and employs an aggressive campaigning style.

He has solid backing from the Congress organization and has the potential to shift a significant BJP vote bank in his favour, analysts say. As a first-time Lok Sabha poll candidate, he arouses people's expectations. Additionally, Gunjal has strong support from his Gurjar community and Muslim voters. Gunjal's decision to join the Congress has also been a point of criticism.

There have been defections of Congress workers to the BJP, particularly Gurjar supporters of Gunjal. Additionally, Gunjal has a limited social media campaign team and a shorter campaign period compared to Birla. Gunjal has faced defeats in two consecutive assembly elections, which could be a cause for concern among voters, analysts say.

The campaign strategies employed by Om Birla and Gunjal display distinct approaches. Birla predominantly targets urban voters, emphasising 'Modi Guarantees'. He asserts that the PM's leadership is the pivotal issue in this election, and his victory in Kota will ensure a third term for Modi. He highlights Ram Temple as a significant achievement.

Gunjal says Birla's overreliance on Modi reveals his lack of tangible accomplishments despite serving as Kota MP for a decade. He focuses on rural areas, meets voters personally, and alleges Birla's team intimidates voters and misuses administration. Gunjal has lodged multiple complaints with the EC, claiming his activities are being monitored by drones.

Civil services panel working on Karmayogi Competency Model

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE civil services' Capacity Building Commission is developing an Amrit Gyaan Kosh, a repository of best practices in public administration in the form of case studies.

A Karmayogi Competency Model, an indigenous HR management framework to harmonise the definition of competencies will soon come up, said Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, on Monday in a virtual address to a Central training institution workshop on the capacity building needs of the country's civil services.

It was essential for civil servants to be empowered to drive meaningful change, uphold the principles of good governance, and deliver efficient services. "The government's focus is on good governance, citizen-centricity, future readiness and performance enhancement," said Mishra while highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

On the role of training institutes in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat, Mishra said, "Each of them brings strengths and expertise which can be valuable for the entire bureaucracy." The ecosystem needs system-level strengthening, he said, adding an institutional and well-considered approach to capacity-building can enable every civil servant to perform optimally.

'Need to change attitudes'

For today's aspirational India, the government has to be a facilitator. "From regulator, we have to become a supporter. And for this, attitudes have to be changed," said Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary to the PM. It was essential, he said, for civil servants to be empowered to drive meaningful change, uphold the principles of good governance, and deliver efficient services. These factors were important given Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The principal secretary said the level of people's expectations was different as the government been focuses on fulfilling the basic needs of the people, many of whom live below the poverty line. "For today's aspirational India, the government has to be a facilitator. From regulator, we have to become supporter. And for this, attitudes have to be changed. As the custodian of a vast human resource, for the government of India this is the biggest challenge," he said.

Mishra advised the training institutes to develop an ecosystem around their domain of expertise and become knowledge hubs — centres of excellence that everyone can benefit from. For this, Mishra advised the training academies to collaborate with universities and research institutions.

"The digital revolution presents unprecedented opportunities to enhance efficiency, transparency, and responsiveness of government services. From e-learning platforms and virtual classrooms to data analytics and artificial intelligence, we must leverage cutting-edge technologies to empower our civil servants and optimise decision-making processes," he said, adding, "Officers must be familiarised with these technologies from a very early stage."

Mishra hoped the workshop would deliberate on all these aspects of capacity building and come out with concrete action points.

SC nod to abort 14-year-old rape survivor's 29-week pregnancy

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court, in its order on Monday, allowed the petition filed by the mother of a minor 14-year-old rape victim, seeking direction to undergo medical termination of her 29-week pregnancy. The court noted it as an exceptional case, stating that continuing the pregnancy may harm the physical and mental health of the young girl.

"This is a very, very exceptional case where we have to protect children," a bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud stated in its order.

While permitting the medical termination of the minor girl, the apex court noted her age, the rape case, and the exceptional circumstances, and thereby passed certain orders in this regard.

Setting aside the Bombay HC order, the top Court directed the dean at Lokmanya Tilak municipal general hospital to constitute a team to carry out the medical termination of pregnancy of the minor for whom a medical report was submitted. Transportation arrangements for the victim should be provided, and the state should bear all expenses of the procedure. Post-termination, if any medical care is needed in the interest of the girl, it should also be provided, as per the law, the apex court stated in its order today.

In a special evening hearing on Friday, beyond the general court timings of 4 pm, the Supreme Court had ordered an immediate thorough medical examination of the 14-year-old rape survivor seeking to terminate her 29-week pregnancy.

Chief Justice Chandrachud was apprised that the Bombay High Court, in its order on April 4, had rejected the plea filed by the mother of the minor. After the dismissal of the plea, she moved the apex court seeking termination of her daughter's pregnancy. It is alleged that the minor girl was subjected to sexual assault, following which she became pregnant.

On Friday, before the hearing concluded, the CJI, taking a very humanitarian approach, said it is necessary for the Court to be apprised of the impact of carrying out the pregnancy of the minor.

"The victim girl should be examined by the hospital at Sion tomorrow, April 20. We request the counsel of the state of Maharashtra for transportation of the petitioner and daughter to the hospital. The report of the hospital shall be placed before this court at 10.30 am on April 22 or 23," the court had said.

The apex court noted that in rejecting the MTP of the girl, the HC had relied on the opinion of the medical board.

The top court also noted that the petitioner, however, stated that the medical opinion was prepared without examining her daughter.

As the medical report did not contain the impact of the physical and mental status of the pregnancy on the minor, the court said it was necessary for it to be apprised of how she would be impacted.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Video leak case: No relief for Rakhi Sawant

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant anticipatory bail to Bollywood actor Rakhi Sawant in a case related to her allegedly leaking her former husband Adil Durrani's private video. A top court bench had directed her to surrender before the trial court in Maharashtra within four weeks. The Bombay HC had earlier dismissed her anticipatory bail, forcing her to knock SC doors, which also rejected her appeal of relief.

ASI reply on vision document for Taj sought

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the response of the Archaeological Survey of India on the vision document and plan prepared for preserving the Taj Mahal and its environment. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the Uttar Pradesh government to bring on record the vision document, which has been prepared by the School of Planning and Architecture along with the state.

Raj govt withdraws case against Centre

In a major legal development on Monday, Shiv Mangal Sharma, the Additional Advocate General for Rajasthan, withdrew the state government's lawsuit against the Union of India related to the Prime Minister CARES Fund. The legal challenge, initiated by the previous government in 2020, contested specific notifications issued during the COVID-19 pandemic. This case was listed for hearing on Monday.

'Lakhimpur Kheri accused violating bail conditions'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday expressed serious concern over an allegation that Ashish Mishra, the prime accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri killing case, had been visiting Uttar Pradesh and attending functions in violation of his bail conditions.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, who represented some families of the victims, alleged before a two-judge bench led by Justice Surya Kant that Mishra has been violating a bail condition set by the top court.

"He (Ashish Mishra) has participated in various functions recently, distributing tricycles in UP. I do not know how this is being allowed," Bhushan observed. The lawyer activist, said in the interim bail order, the court had clearly said that he can only enter UP for trial in the Lakhimpur Kheri case "but he is misusing the SC bail order," Bhushan told the SC.

The allegation was, however, vehemently, denied by the counsel Siddhartha Dave, representing Mishra.

Travel made easy as EU decides to offer multiple entry visas to Indians

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE European Commission has decided to offer Indians multiple entry visas, which will make travel within the EU easier for Indians.

"Travel to Europe has been made easier, as the EU takes another step towards enhancing people-to-people contact with India. The new Schengen visa regime will enable frequent fliers from India easier access through a multi-year visa (up to 5 years)," said EU Ambassador to India, Herve Delphin.

This new visa 'cascade' regime will be open for Indian nationals residing in India who apply for Schengen (short-stay). Such visas are likely to be issued in India for travellers with an established travel history, if the passport validity allows.

According to the newly adopted visa "cascade" regime for India, Indian nationals can now be issued long-term, multi-entry Schengen visas valid for two years after having obtained and lawfully used two visas within the previous three years. The two-year visa will normally be followed by a five-year visa, if the passport has sufficient validity remaining. During the validity period of these visas, holders enjoy travel rights equivalent to visa-free nationals.

This decision comes in the context of strengthened relations under the EU-India Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility, which seeks comprehensive cooperation on migration policy between the EU and India, with facilitation of people-to-people contacts being a key aspect due to the importance of India as a partner for the EU. Schengen visas allow the holder to travel freely in the Schengen area for short stays of 90 days in any 180-day period. The visas are not purpose-bound, but they do not grant the right to work.

Rajnath in Siachen on 40th anniv of Op Meghdoot

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh visited Siachen, the world's highest battlefield, on Wednesday to conduct a first-hand assessment of the security situation.

The Ministry of Defence stated, "Following aerial reconnaissance, the Defence Minister landed at a forward post at an altitude of 15,100 feet and received a detailed briefing on operational readiness in the Siachen Glacier and the prevailing security situation."

"The Defence Minister also discussed operational challenges with the Commanders on the ground," the MoD added.

The Siachen Glacier region holds military significance for the country and is recognized as the highest militarized zone globally, where soldiers contend with frostbite and high winds. Rajnath interacted with soldiers deployed in extreme weather and tough terrain conditions. The Minister was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar, and General Officer Commanding, 14 Corps Lieutenant General Rashim Bali.

> **We lead peaceful lives knowing our brave soldiers stand steadfast at the borders. Their acts of bravery in the icy cold glacier serve as inspiration for future generations** — Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister

Addressing the soldiers, Rajnath Singh commended them for their valour and determination in protecting the motherland under extreme conditions. He emphasized the nation's perpetual indebtedness to the Armed Forces personnel, stating that their sacrifices ensure every citizen's safety. "We lead peaceful lives knowing our brave soldiers stand steadfast at the borders. Their acts of bravery and unwavering determination in the icy cold glacier will be remembered with pride and serve as inspiration for future generations," he remarked.

The Defence Minister described Siachen as more than just land—it symbolizes India's sovereignty and determination. He likened Siachen to the capital of courage, grit, and determination, akin to Delhi as the national capital, Mumbai as the financial capital, and Bengaluru as the technology capital.

Recently celebrating the 40th anniversary of the success of Operation Meghdoot, Rajnath Singh hailed the operation, launched by the Indian Army in Siachen on April 13, 1984, as a golden chapter in the country's military history.

"The success of Operation Meghdoot fills us with pride," he asserted.

Strategically situated between the Saltoro Ridge and the Karakoram Ranges, the region overlooks Gilgit-Baltistan of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). It is close to the Karakoram Pass, through which the Karakoram Highway connects Gilgit-Baltistan to China's Xinjiang Province. The Glacier region is also near the Shaksgam Valley, ceded to China by Pakistan.

Global military expenditure in '23 was at all-time high of $2443 bn: Report

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

INDIA ranked fourth in military spending at $83.6 billion after the United States, China and Russia in 2023. "It's military expenditure was 4.2 per cent higher than in 2022," stated the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in its just released Military Expenditure Database for 2023.

According to the study, in 2023, the "global military expenditure rose for the ninth consecutive year to an all-time high of $2443 billion, which is an increase of 6.8 per cent from 2022. For the first time since 2009, military expenditure went up in all five of the geographical regions defined by SIPRI, with particularly large increases recorded in Europe, Asia and Oceania and the Middle East."

This (2023) saw the "steepest year-on-year increase since 2009. The 10 largest spenders in 2023—led by the United States, China and Russia — all increased their military spending," added the study.

According to SIPRI the "unprecedented rise in military spending was a direct response to the global deterioration in peace and security," said Nan Tian, senior researcher, Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme, SIPRI. He cautioned that the "states are prioritizing military strength but they risk an action–reaction spiral in the increasingly volatile geopolitical and security landscape."

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Meanwhile, on India ranking as the fourth highest military spender globally, Lt Gen Abhay Krishna ® said this "statistic does not offer a fair metric for comparison." Krishna is the former Army commander of South Western, Eastern and Central Army Commands and ex chief commissioner, West Bengal Right to Public Service Commission.

He explained that "despite witnessing a consistent and significant rise in defence expenditure in recent fiscal years, India's allocation for FY 2024-25 stands at approximately 1.9 pc of the GDP. In contrast, many developed nations allocate between two to five pc of

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	25	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	38	23	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	37	25	Patna	42	27
Amritsar	33	19	Lucknow	39	23
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	33	27
Kolkata	39	29	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	21	10	Chandigarh	35	21

BATTLEGROUND OF OLD RIVALRY

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

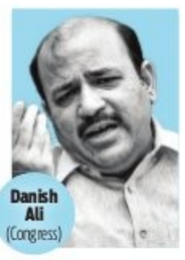
WHILE Amroha parliamentary constituency, named after a historical town, is witnessing one of the quietest elections ever like many other western Uttar Pradesh segments, a section of the electorates vocally pledge allegiance to the political parties of their choice.

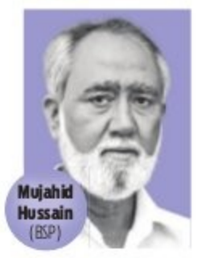
For a section of voters, the ongoing contest is to safeguard their pride and self-respect while for some others, it is a pay-back time to those who helped them at some point.

The third section comprising mostly young voters, concerned over unemployment and scant jobs, aren't too enthusiastic but will vote for the party they have traditionally been supporting.

"I can't make any sense out of it. We are not deriving any benefit out of the elections. There is no employment opportunity here. With no factory or industry in Amroha, the lower-middle class is suffering the most. I am a married man. I can only ride an auto or e-rickshaw or use a handcart to earn livelihood," said Kaushal Saini (27), a juice vendor, who lives in Mohalla Lakra, where once renowned poet Syed Jaun Asghar Elia lived.

Like Saini, the youth in Amroha town, which used to be a hub of cottage industries such as dholak manufacturing units, handlooms, and Beedi production, see the advent of battery-operated rickshaws as a blessing in disguise.


Danish Ali (Congress)


Mujahid Hussain (BSP)

Kanwar Singh Tanwar (BJP)

AMROHA PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY CONSISTS OF FIVE ASSEMBLY SEATS

- DHANAURA
- NAUGAWAN
- SADAT
- AMROHA
- HASANPUR
- GARHMUKTESHWAR

Total electorates
16 Lakh

Male voters
8.29 Lakh

Female voters
7.14 Lakh

Caste composition
BALMIKIS, PALS, PRAJAPATIS, JATAV, SAINI, TYAGI, JAAT, MUSLIM

Former cricketer Chetan Chauhan represented the constituency twice in 1991, 1998

"Riding a battery (electric-rickshaw) suits me fine as I don't have an educational degree. However, there are educated youth, who are forced to ply battery rickshaw in the absence of job opportunity," said Mohammed Arshad (23), a resident of Amroha.

Though Amroha is set to go to the polls on April 26, an awkward silence grips its roads, chaupals and bazaars. Election posters, flags and vehicles used for electioneering are missing.

Despite the absence of election 'wave', the constituency is ready for a straight dual between Kanwar Singh Tanwar of BJP and opposition bloc – INDIA bloc backed Congress candidate Kunwar Danish Ali, incumbent MP.

Ali defeated sitting MP Tanwar as a BSP candidate in the last election with SP as its alliance partner. Ali, who was at the receiving end of racial slurs hurled by BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri in Parliament last year, was suspended for anti-party activities. He then joined the Congress. This time, the BSP has nominated a Muslim Mujahid Hussain. Tanwar seems to be riding on his reputation of a do-gooder and a couple of schemes of the Central government including PM - Awas Yojana, Ujjwala (free LPG cylinder), water supply to each household and free ration while Ali is credited to initiation of road improvement and other development works.

"Tanwar saab has always been there for the people of Amroha and keeps helping people. He organises weddings of girls from poor families. But it is also a fact that in the last five years, a lot of work, which MLAs couldn't manage, has been done. Amroha has sent four state ministers," said Mohammad Rafique Ansari, who claimed to have contested local body elections unsuccessfully.

Had the Congress repeated its previous candidate Sachin Chaudhary, it would have better chances to win the seat. Amroha, a Muslim population dominated constituency, also has a sizable presence of Sainis, Balmikis, Pals, Prajapatis, and also Jatavs -- traditional voters of BSP.

"Today voters are not scared. If they have benefited from the schemes and policies of the Government, they are voting in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We are going door-to-door to urge people to take benefit of the schemes," said Dilip Singh Prajapati, a BJP sympathiser.

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS IN 2019

Winner
Kunwar Danish Ali (BSP)
Total votes: **6.01 Lakh**
Vote share: **51.41%**

First runner
Kanwar Singh Tanwar (BJP)
Total votes: **5.37 Lakh**
Vote share: **46%**

Second runner up
Sachin Chaudhary (Congress)
Total votes: **12,510**
Vote share: **1.07%**

ISSUES IN AMROHA

Unemployment

Degeneration of cottage industries: looms, woodcraft, Beedi

Lack of educational institution, no universities in the vicinity

ELECTION2024

Giriraj Singh faces hate speech charge

The Communist Party of India's Bihar unit has lodged a complaint with the Election Commission regarding an alleged hate speech by senior BJP leader and Union Minister Giriraj Singh. The Union Minister had reportedly said that he wouldn't seek votes from "pro-Pakistani anti-nationals" and those who "have problem with nationalism" during campaigning in Begusarai on April 19. Terming Giriraj Singh's remark as hate speech and violation of Model Code of Conduct, senior CPI leader Shatrughan Prasad Singh demanded immediate action.

Geeta Koda from Singhbhum

Geeta Koda on Monday filed her nomination papers as the BJP candidate for the Singhbhum (ST) Lok Sabha constituency in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district. Jharkhand BJP president Babulal Marandi, senior party leaders and hundreds of party workers accompanied Koda as she submitted her nomination papers before the returning officer. Exuding confidence about her victory, Koda said that enthusiasm of workers "showed that BJP would achieve 400 seat target".

47 candidates in Assam 2nd phase

47 candidates are in the fray for the four Lok Sabha constituencies that will go to polls in the third and final phase in Assam on May 7, an official statement said on Monday. Five candidates — three in Kokrajhar and two in Dhubri — withdrew their nominations on the last day, it said. Among them, highest number of 14 will be contesting from Barpeta seat, followed by 13 in Dhubri, 12 in Kokrajhar and eight in Guwahati. BJP's Bijuli Kalita Medhi is expected to be locked in a direct fight with Congress' Mira Borthakur Goswami, and the saffron party looking to retain the seat.

Ajit promises caste census, reaches out to minorities

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

NATIONALIST Congress Party (NCP) chief Ajit Pawar on Monday released his party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections, highlighting that it will support the demand for a caste-based census, which its ally BJP has been side-stepping.

Addressing a gathering, the deputy chief minister said the NCP will also demand the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, for the former Maharashtra chief minister and defence minister Yashvantrao Chavan.

The manifesto promised semi-English school status to Urdu schools besides setting up an OBC welfare ministry at the Centre on the lines of state ministry and affordable houses to weaker sections of society. "The inclusive policy will be framed for the Haj pilgrimage. Besides, a separate financial policy will be made to empower minority students," the 16-page manifesto read.

The party will also demand and give the classical language status to the Marathi language. It has also stated that as per the tribal population percentage, a fund will be reserved for tribal communities' welfare at the Centre. The NCP's former ally, Congress, has been demanding a nationwide caste-based census, while the BJP has been finding ways to counter it.

The NCP is a constituent of the Mahayuti alliance comprising the Shiv Sena and the BJP.

The other demands of the party include getting semi-English status to Urdu medium schools in the state and a minimum support price for farm produce, he said.

The party also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's contribution to the country in the last 10 years and his leadership. "Modi's leadership will ensure our victory in the elections. There is no one from the opposition who can compete with him. He is the face of NDA," it said. The manifesto also sounds a cautionary note following the Supreme Court's directive, saying since the party's clock symbol matter is sub judice, it use it until the final order of the apex court.

The manifesto dropped the image of Sharad Pawar and gave prominence to late Yashwantrao Chavan, the state's first CM whose progressive legacy the two NCP factions want to carry forward.

'Classical status to Marathi'

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NORTHEAST

Repolling in Manipur peaceful, fresh voting in 8 Arunachal booths

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

REPOLLING in 11 polling stations in Manipur passed off peacefully on Monday even as the Election Commission ordered re-polling in eight polling stations in Arunachal Pradesh on April 24. Brisk polling was recorded in the 11 polling stations falling under the Inner Manipur seat in the Meitei-majority Imphal Valley. Seven are under Imphal East and four are under Imphal West districts. The polling passed off peacefully.

A voter turnout of 73.05 per cent was recorded till 3 pm, the state's election department said. A large number of voters went out to cast their votes after the authorities had deployed adequate security personnel to the polling stations. Imphal East District Magistrate and Returning Officer Khumanthem Diana Devi said voting in the district was peaceful.

"The voters are feeling safe and secure. They are happy that the EC has given this chance to them to cast their vote again. Adequate security arrangements were kept in place to make the voters feel safe and secure and the (election) process transparent and fair," she told journalists when polling was underway.

During polling in the first phase on April 19, several incidents of gunfire, intimidations, destruction of electronic voting machines (EVMs) and alleged booth capturing by the armed miscreants were reported from the Imphal Valley.

Opposition Congress had demanded re-polling in 47 polling stations – 36 under the Inner Manipur and 11 under the Outer Manipur seats. The Outer Manipur seat partially went to polls on April 19. It has 28 Assembly segments and 15 went to polls. Polling in the remaining 13 will be held on April 26.

EC task force to keep a tab on extreme temp

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

THE Election Commission has today constituted a task force to watch heat conditions before every phase of the poll. Based on the task force report, the commission will ensure the comfort and well-being of voters along with polling personnel and security forces, candidates and political party leaders.

There were 4% points of voting turnout down in phase 1 over the 2019 election which was alarming to the commission and political parties. Experts pointed out one of the major reasons behind low turnout in the first phase was soaring temperatures and heatwaves that made voters not reach the polling booth. Temperatures in Eastern, Southern and Central regions are soaring between 40°C to 46°C.

"We have decided to make an assessment of the heatwave phase by phase and will issue an advisory based on the inputs from the constituted committee," said Rajeev Kumar, Chief Election Commission. Kumar chaired the meeting along with ECs Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

SP names nephew from Kannauj, 5 Yadav family members in fray

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

PUTTING a lid on the possibility of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav contesting the ensuing Lok Sabha polls, the party on Monday announced the name of his nephew Tej Pratap Yadav as the party candidate from Kannauj.

With the announcement of Tej Pratap's name, now five members of Yadav family are in fray — Dimple Yadav from Mainpuri, Akshaya Yadav from Firozabad, Aditya Yadav from Badaun and Dharmendra Yadav from Azamgarh.

Initially, Akhilesh had shown an inclination to contest from the seat but after his run-in with jailed SP leader Azam Khan over Rampur Lok Sabha seat, the SP chief withdrew himself from the contest from any seat in the state.

During Akhilesh's meeting with Azam Khan in Sitapur jail on March 22, the latter had suggested the SP chief to contest from Rampur but Akhilesh did not agree to it and announced that he would not contest the Lok Sabha polls at all.

However, after the twists and turns that followed, the party fielded Maulana Mohibullah Nadvi from the Rampur.

The other factor that played out for SP chief to decide against contesting the LS polls was that it would have got him engaged in his own campaign restricting him from canvassing for the party candidates across the state.

The ground reports from the eight constituencies suggest that INDIA bloc is on a sound footing. It was then decided that the SP chief leading the campaign would be a better option — A senior party leader

"The ground reports from the eight constituencies of the first phase strongly suggest that INDIA bloc is on a sound footing. Consequently, it was decided that the SP chief leading the party campaign across the state would be a better option," said a senior party leader.

Earlier, Tej Pratap had contested 2014 Mainpuri Lok Sabha bypoll at 26 after SMulayam Singh Yadav vacated the seat. In 2019 Lok Sabha polls, he had headed Mulayam's election campaign in Mainpuri. In 2022 assembly polls, he led Akhilesh's campaign in Karhal.

QUOTE CORNER

Fear and panic have gripped the BJP. After the first phase of polling, they have sensed defeat. That is why they are making baseless statements. The rout of the saffron camp is only a matter of time?

Mamata Banerjee, Bengal Chief Minister

At most places, it is a direct fight between the NDA and regional parties. Where there is a Congress government, the fight is between the Congress and the BJP?

Ghulam Nabi Azad, DPAP chief

3 turncoats, an outsider battle it out at 'NRI heartland' of Jalandhar

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab Congress chief **Mohinder Singh Kaypee** on Monday ditched the party and entered the Lok Sabha fray from Jalandhar on SAD ticket, taking the number of turncoats in the NRI heartland to three.

BJP nominee Sushil Kumar Rinku (former AAP leader) and AAP's **Pawan Kumar Tinu** (ex-SAD leader) are the two other defectors. In addition to them, in the fray is an outsider - Congress candidate (former CM **Charanjit Singh Channi** who earlier contested from Chamkaur Sahib Assembly constituency and shifted to Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat.

Kaypee, a devout follower of the Radha Soami Dera at Beas, had recently met SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal. He had gone to Delhi a few days back to meet the Congress leadership staking claim on the party ticket from Hoshiarpur, where he had contested in 2014 but was defeated by BJP's Vijay Sampla.

In 2022, he was an aspirant from the Adampur Assembly seat but had lost the claim at the last moment to Sukhwinder Kotli, who emerged victorious. Kaypee happens to be a relative of Charanjit Singh Channi (whose nephew is wedded to Kaypee's daughter).

Kaypee is the son of former minister Darshan Singh Kaypee who was killed by terrorists. Former chief parliamentary secretary and two-time MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu of Shiromani Akali Dal had recently joined AAP and was given the ticket by the ruling party. He was elected MLA from the Adampur in Jalandhar district in 2012 and 2017.

During Jalandhar Lok Sabha bypolls last year AAP inducted Sushil Rinku from Congress and made him the party candidate and he won and became MP from Jalandhar. On March 14, AAP had named Rinku as its candidate from Jalandhar.

However, Rinku quit the party on March 27 and joined the BJP which has also fielded him from the same constituency.

Meanwhile, the Congress gave the Jalandhar Lok Sabha ticket to former chief minister-Channi, who lost both the Chamkaur Sahib and Bhadaur assembly seats he contested in the 2022 polls as Chamkaur was his traditional seat. Hailing from the Scheduled Castes community Channi went on to become Punjab CM in 2021 after the Congress replaced him with Amarinder Singh. He represented the Chamkaur Sahib Assembly constituency in 2007, 2012 and 2017.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata- 700020. CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Sameer Kumar Dalei/ Swagatika Dallei/ Sagarika Sahani/ Minati Dalai/ No 19 1st Floor Part 2 5th Main 4th Cross Amrita Nagar 2nd Phase Karnataka Bangalore- 560035/ LBBBS00005693103	Plot No 10/505, Khata No. 99, Village Goilundi Road, Newly Named As Mardari Pur, P.S. Baidyanathpur, Tahasil Berhampore, S.R.O. Berhampore Sahar, Orissa, Berhampur (ORS) (Admeasuring an area of Admeasuring area of Ac. 0.086 8/10 Decimal, Out of A 0.093 Decimals/ Date of Symbolic -19.04.2024	November 29, 2023 Rs. 51,64,787/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 23, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Orix Leasing & Financial Services India Ltd., will be sold through public auction on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on 15.05.2024 for recovery of amount as mentioned herein below due to Orix Leasing & Financial Services India Ltd. from borrowers and co-borrowers as mentioned herein below. The Reserve Price will be as mentioned herein below and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be as mentioned herein below.

NAME OF THE BORROWERS AND CO-BORROWERS / OUTSTANDING AMOUNT / DEMAND NOTICE DATE	DETAILS OF PROPERTY	RESERVE PRICE (INR) / EMD / BID INCREASE AMOUNT
• Thirumalaigowda Venkataramanaiah Venkatesh • Radha Venkatesh • Tushara TV • M/s Rtr Traders / INR 3,89,57,912.54/- AS ON 15.04.2024 / Demand Notice Date: 13.01.2020	Property Bearing 11&12, Bbmp Katha No. 354/90/1/, Measuring East To West 80 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Situated At Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Comprising of A Building, And **Bounded On: Item-1: Property Bearing Site No. 11 - East By:** Property Bearing Site No. 10 **West By:** Property Bearing Site No. 12 **North By:** Property Bearing Site No. 19 **South By:** Road **Item-2: Property Bearing Site No. 12 - East By:** Property Bearing Site No. 11 **West By:** Property Bearing Site No. 13 **North By:** Property Bearing Site No. 18 **South By:** Road	INR 2,05,80,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Five Lac Eighty Thousand Only) / Earnest Money Deposit 10% INR 20,58,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lac Fifty Eight Thousand Only) / Bid Increment Amount 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Only)
• Aravinda A • Sowmyashree B A • M/s Sri Sri Swara Recording Studio / INR 1,61,50,870.05/- AS ON 15.04.2024 / Demand Notice Date: 24.09.2021	Site No. 147, Land Area 1200 Sq. Ft, And Built-up Area 2668 Sq. Ft., Municipal Khata No. 1190, Present Bbmp Khata Property No. 4837/1190/147, Formed In Converted Sy No 59/1, Situated At Ward No 198, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560060, And **Bounded As: East:** Site No. 146 **West:** Site No. 148 **North:** Sited No. 139 **South:** Road	INR 95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninenty Five Lac Only) / Earnest Money Deposit 10% INR 9,50,000/- (Rupees Nine Lac Fifty Thousand Only) / Bid Increment Amount 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Only)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Ltd., i.e. https://www.ORIXindia.com/leasing.php or may contact Authorised Officer Mr. Manjunath Nagaraj (Contact Details: +91-9036050715) during the working hours from Monday to Saturday.

Sd/-
Authorised officer
ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

Date: 23.04.2024

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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Bengaluru HSR Layout,
E-mail: cb2673@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, **Canara Bank, H S R Layout Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: 1. Pippali Creative Solution Private Limited, Pan No: AAICP2975Q, 324/1, Hosur Road, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068. Represented by its Directors, **2. Sridhar R,** No 2, 4th A Cross Tank Shore Road, BTM Laout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560076, **3.Ulaganathan R,** No 2, 4th A Cross Tank shore Road, BTM Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560076, Legal Heirs Of The Mortgaged Property Owner, **4. Venkatesh R,** S/o Late Ranganatha, No 2, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka-560076, **5. Vijay Kumar R,** S/o Late Ranganatha, No 2, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, BTM Laout 2nd Stage, Bangalore. Karnataka-560076, **6. Sri R Prabhakar,** Yashoranga Nilaya, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, B T M Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560076, **7. Sri R Chandrashekar,** S/o Late Ranganatha, Yashoranga Nilaya, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, B T M Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560076. **8. Smt R Kousalya** D/o Late Ranganatha, Yashoranga Nilaya, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, B T M Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560076.

Schedule A:

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount
1	2673256000130	OD/OCC	16.05.2018	Rs 60,00,000/-

Total Liability as on 30.12.2020 Rs.78,60,658/- (Rupees Seventy Eight lakhs Sixty Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight only) + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Schedule B: [Details of security assets] Sl.No.1, Movable Hypothecation of Book Debts, **Name of Title holder:** Pippali Creative solution Private Limited, **Immovable** : MODTD of commercial land and buiding situated at Old no 324/2,new no 132,PID No.66-1-132, Hosur Road, Siddhartha Colny, Madiwala 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru -560068 comprising of Ground, First and Second floor constructed on plot area of 1750 sqft with built up area of 4500 sqft standing in the name of Smt. Yeshoda W/o Late Ranganatha V and mother of the partners].

Name of Title holder : 1.Smt Yashodha (deceased) , W/o Late Ranganatha. Legal Heirs : 1. Vijaya Kumar R, 2. Chandra shekar R, 3. Venkatesh R, 4.Kousalya R, 5. Prabhakar R, 6. Sridhar R, 7. Ulaganathan R

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above .The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/ Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 22-04-2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office:- 27 BKC , C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai -400 051
Branch Office : No. 22, ING House, M G Road, Bangalore – 560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Kolak Mahindra Bank Ltd.(KMBL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to KMBL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to KMBL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice & NPA Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. LAP17646290, LAP17653688, LAP17686358 (CRN 14954252). **1. Mr. Narayanaswamy Naidu** Since deceased represented by Legal Representatives **1(a). Mr. N Manjunath** No. 28 1st floor Vidyapeeta circle, Chennammakere Road, T R Nagar Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore 560028 **1(b). Smt.N Prema Kumari** **1(c). K Shantha Kumari** Both are residing at : No. 26, 1st main road, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore-560 085. Also At : No.14, and No.14/1, situated at 1st Cross, Sudhama Nanagar, Bangalore-560027 **Smt. N Prema Kumari** No. 24/3, 3rd cross road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 **... (Borrowers)** **2. Mr. N. Manjunath** No. 26,1st Main Road, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore-560 085 **Also at :** No. 28 1st floor Vidyapeeta circle, Chennammakere Road, T R Nagar Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore 560028 No.14, and No.14/1, situated at 1st cross, Sudhama Nanagar, Bangalore-560027. **...(Co-Borrower)**	**NPA DATE 09-04-2024 Demand Notice Date: 15-04-2024 Rs. 26,02,928/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty eight Only) as on 12-04-2024**	**Item no.1:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing PID no.48-23-14, No.14, situated at 1st cross, Sudhama Nanagar, Bangalore, totally measuring east to west 28 feet and north to south 30feet and together with all existing building and structures thereon and building and structures as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future and bounded on:- **East by :** Property belongs to Chikka Revanna & 5' Passage **West by :** Private Property **North by :** Road **South by :** Property belongs to Chikka Revanna **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing PID no.48-23-14/1, no.14/1, situated at 1st cross, Sudhama Nanagar, Bangalore, totally measuring east to west 28 feet and north to south 30feet and together with all existing building and structures thereon and building and structures as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future and bounded on:- **East by :** Premises belongs Mani **West by :** Premises belongs to Seenappa **North by :** Property belongs to Purchaser & 5' width Passage **South by :** Private Property
Loan Account No. IHL53290 [CRN 37052705] **1. Sri.Narendra Naidu N,** Reprsesented by GPA Holder **Sri.Chalasani Ramesh Babu** R/at. 'Sri Sai Mansion', **Flat no.205, Second Floor,** Site no.1, Khatha No.15, 15/1A,Yellukunte Village, CMC Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 034. **Also at: Narendra Naidu N,** Flat No.3, Street 91 Building No 149 Kuwait Mig - 999999 Mig - Migration Tel No. 9655052391 **... (Borrower)** **2. Sri.Chalasani Ramesh Babu** R/at. 'Sri Sai Mansion', **Flat no.205, Second Floor,** Site no.1, Khatha No.15, 15/1A,Yellukunte Village, CMC Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 034 **Also at: Sri.Chalasani Ramesh Babu** o.298/18-21, 11th B Cross, 1st phase J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078 **... (Borrower)**	**NPA DATE 07-04-2024 Demand Notice Date: 18-04-2024 Rs. 17,85,344.94/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four and Paisa Ninety Four Only) as on 16-04-2024**	**Schedule A:** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Site No 1, Khatha No 15, Assessment no.15/1-A, in converted Sy.no.15/1A, Yellukunte village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Converted vide Official Memorandum dated 16-07-2003 bearing no.ALN/S.R./76/2003-04 passed by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore. Present No.1, Property No.15/1-A, CMC Khatha No.366, Yellukunte,CMC Bommanahalli, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 120 feet and North to South 75 feet together with all appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface **bounded by East by :** Property of Sri. Jayarama Reddy **West by :** Road **North by :** property no.2 **South buy :** Private Property **Schedule B:** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property, measuring 225 Sq.ft. of an undivided share and right out of Schedule A property i.e. property bearing Present No.1, Property No.15/1-A, CMC Khatha No.366, Yellukunte, CMC Bommanahalli, Bangalore. **Schedule C:** Flat bearing no.205, in second floor consisting of Two bed rooms in the apartment building known as "Sri Sai Mansion" measuring 900 Sq.ft of super built up area with common areas such as stair case, passages etc, including lobbies all civil amenities, with concealed wring, Red Oxide flooring with RCC roof with steel windows with one open car parking slot bearing no.205 in the stilt floor of the building.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to KMBL as aforesaid, KMBL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of KMBL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : BANGALORE | Date : 23-04-2024 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer), For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

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(For Political Party to Publish in Website, Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about Criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE – 2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

1	2	3	4		5	
Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	RADHAKRISHNA DODDAMANI	05-GULBARGA PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore CC No.9564/2019 FIR No. 28O/2014 CCB Police Bangalore	U/s 42O,468,47L r/w 34 of IPC Allegation of cheating, forgery for purpose of cheating, using as genuine, a forged (Documents). Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	HANAMANTHARAO ALGUR	04-VIJAYAPUR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	3rd Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC Court Vijayapura FIR No. Cr No. 90/2022, Dated 24-12-2022, Jalanagar Police Station, Vijayapura and Case No. Karnataka Police Act, 1963 Section 143, 147, 323, 354, 504, 506, 109, R/W 149 IPC	Karnataka Police Act, 1963 Section 143, 147, 323, 354, 504, 506, 109, R/W 149 IPC Involved in Son-in-laws family dispute 'B' False final report dated 15-06-2023 has been submitted by Police Station to the Hon'ble Court.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	G.G. ANANDSWAMY GADDADEVARAMATH	10-HAVERI PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	Principal Civil Judge, (Sr Dn) & CJM Court, Haveri Case No. FIR NO: 54/2024 Haveri Town Police Station, Haveri.	Sec, 177,192 of MVA 199, Sec 171F, 171H, 171C of IPC 1860 Sec, 123(2) of Representation Act of People 1950, 1951, 1989 Alleged that, on 20-03-2024 arranged bike rally and supplied party flags to the party workers, without taking prior permission from the Election Commission.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
4	VINOD ASOOTI	11-DHARWAD PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore, and Charge Sheeted and transferred from M & JMFC Court, Navalgund C.C.No.16471/2023, 1354-42 Navalgund Police Station, 945+VF4, Navalgund, Dharwad District-582208	Section 171(H) R/w of IPC 34 Violation of Model Code of Conduct. Conducted Party Rally and deviated the conditions stipulated in the permission granted	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
5	RAJASHEKHAR KUYYAPPANAVAR	08-KOPPAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	PCR 424/2022 CC 3891/2022 (PRL JMFC Koppal, now it is transferred to Prl. District & Session Judge, Koppal and it is bearing No. Spl C.4/2024) PCR 425/2022 CC 3305/2022	Under Sec.4(1) (1-A) 22 R/w CRPC and Rule 3 (1) 42(1) Mines and Minerals Development & Regulation Act of MMRD & Sec.21(1) and Sec.21(2) and 44(1), 44(2) and 44(3) of MMRD Act	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

* General Election to the House of People – 2024 (Loksabha), Second Phase.

Note: (i) The above information shall be published state wise for each State/UT.
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be published in font size of at least 12.

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(D.K. SHIVAKUMAR)
President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, Bangalore

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London	10	5	LR	Washington	20	8	SNY

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Format C-1

(For candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: B.Y.Raghavendra,

Address: House No.13/2, Malerakeri, Shikaripura Town, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka

Name of political party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Name of Election: General Election to Lok Sabha - 2024

Name of Constituency: 14 – Shimoga Lok Sabha Constituency

I B.Y.Raghavendra (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl. No	Name of Court	Case No. and Dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	1st Addl. Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC Court, Chitradurga Dist. Chitradurga	Cr.No. 0124/2024, Dated: 23.03.2024 registered at Chitradurga Rural Police Station, Chitradurga	Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated: 16.04.2024 has stayed the investigation and all further proceedings, in W.P. 10412/2024, Sri. B.Y. Raghavendra Vs State of Karnataka & Anr.	Section(s) of Acts - Section 171(F) of IPC, Section 125 of Representation of the People Act and Section 7 of Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1988. Brief description of offence(s) - Offences relating to Undue influence or personation at an election, promoting enmity between classes in connection with election, contravention of provisions of Se.3,4,5, or 6 of Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act 1988 by the manager and every person connected with such contravention at any religious institution
2	Directorate of Enforcement Bangalore Zonal Office, 3rd Floor, 'B' Block, BMTC Building, Shantinagar, K.H.Road, Bangalore	F.No. ECIR/ BGZO/ 06/2013 (Note: This ECIR registered based on the Charge Sheet filed in FIR No.RC.08 (A)/ 2012 filed by CBI. After thorough trial before CBI Court in Spl.C.C. 207/2012 all accused are acquitted on 26.10.2016)	Under Investigation	Section(s) of Acts – Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering act, 2002 Brief description of offence(s) - Money Laundering related

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl.	Name of Court & date(s) or order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Finally, first resignation in Israel over intel failure of Hamas' attack

Jewish leaders harshly criticise US move to sanction ultra-orthodox soldiers' unit in IDF

TEL AVIV

THE head of Israeli military intelligence resigned on Monday over the failures surrounding Hamas' unprecedented Oct. 7 attack, the military said.

He become the first senior figure to step down over his role in the deadliest assault in Israel's history.

Maj. Gen. Aharon Haliva's decision could set the stage for more resignations among Israel's top security brass over Hamas' attack, when militants blasted through Israel's border defenses, rampaged through Israeli communities unchallenged for hours and killed 1,200 people, most civilians, while taking roughly 250 hostages into Gaza.

That attack set off the war against Hamas in Gaza, now in its seventh month.

"The intelligence directorate under my command did not live up to the task we were entrusted with. I carry that black day with me ever since, day after day, night after night. I will carry the horrible pain of the war with me forever," Haliva wrote in his resignation letter, which was provided by the military.

Haliva, as well as other military and security leaders, were widely expected to resign in response to the glaring failures that led up to Oct. 7 and the scale of that attack's ferocity.

Videgrab of Aharon Haliva

But the timing of the resignations has been unclear because Israel is still fighting Hamas in Gaza and battling the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah in the north. Tensions with Iran are also at a high following attacks between the two enemies.

Some military experts have said resignations at a time when Israel is engaged on multiple fronts is irresponsible and could be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

In another development, Israeli leaders on Sunday harshly criticized an expected decision by the US to impose sanctions on a unit of ultra-Orthodox soldiers in the military.

The decision would mark the first time the US has imposed sanctions on a unit inside the Israeli military and would further strain relations between the two allies, which have grown increasingly tense during Israel's war in Gaza.

While US officials declined to identify the unit expected to be sanctioned, Israeli leaders and local media identified it as Netzah Yehuda an infantry battalion founded roughly a quarter of a century ago to incorporate ultra-Orthodox men into the military.

Many religious men receive exemptions from what is supposed to be compulsory service. *AP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 199

DEATH TOLL SO FAR

34,637

Rockets from Lebanon fired in north Israel

A barrage of some 35 rockets were fired from Lebanon at the northern communities of Ein Zeitim near Safed in Israel as Passover began, *The Times of Israel* reported. The attack set off sirens in Safed and nearby towns. The IDF said there are no injuries in the attack. Israeli fighter jets also struck a Hezbollah position in southern Lebanon

ASIA MATTERS

Airport near volcano reopens

Authorities reopened an international airport near a volcano that erupted last week as they lowered a warning level on Monday. Sam Ratulangi airport has been closed since Thursday due to eruptions at nearby Mount Ruang. Indonesia's Disaster Management Agency lowered the volcano's alert level from four, the second-highest level, to three, but said residents were still ordered to remain at least 4 kms away from the mountain. More than 3,000 residents have been evacuated since Thursday due to ash, falling rocks, hot volcanic clouds and fears of a tsunami. *AP*

Ex-nus PROF SENTENCED TO 24 WEEKS JAIL

Across more than six years, a National University of Singapore (NUS) professor submitted false claims for expenses and duped the university into reimbursing him more than $88,000. On April 22, Tan Kok Kiong, 56, was sentenced to 24 weeks' jail after pleading guilty to one cheating charge and 11 forgery charges. Between November 2012 and April 2019, Tan submitted 37 false expense reports and duped NUS into reimbursing him $88,399. NUS had previously said in a statement that Tan was no longer employed by the university, *The Strait Times* reported.

EU hesitant to share Patriot with Ukraine

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Union countries possessing Patriot air defense systems appeared hesitant on Monday to give any to Ukraine, which is desperately seeking at least seven of the missile batteries to help fend off Russian air attacks.

Russia's air force is vastly more powerful than Ukraine's, but sophisticated missile systems provided by Kyiv's Western partners can pose a major threat to Russian aviation as the Kremlin's forces slowly push forward along the roughly 1,000 km front line in the war.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hanke Bruins Slot said the Netherlands is "looking at every kind of possibility at the moment" and is offering financial support to a German initiative to help Ukraine bolster its air defenses and to buy more drones. At a meeting of EU foreign and defense ministers why the Netherlands is reluctant to send some of its Patriot systems, Slot said: "We are looking again if we can deplete our store of what we still have, but that will be difficult."

Last week, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that the military organization "has mapped out existing capabilities across the alliance and there are systems that can be made available to Ukraine." He did not name the countries that possess Patriots.

Swedish Defense Minister Pål Jonson said: "I don't exclude that possibility, but right now we're focused on financial contributions." He said Sweden would send other systems that could "relieve some of the pressure" on the need for Patriots.

Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares said that his country "will make its decisions based on the power it has in its hands to support Ukraine." *AP*

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North by : Property belongs to Kalappa in Sy.No.98;
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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9(1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (ii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iii) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as **IDFC Bank Ltd,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **10.05.2024** as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)** from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on **IDFC FIRST Bank** website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**.

S. No.	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Name of Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)	(iii) Mortgaged Property Address	(iv) Reserve Price Amount	(v) EMD Amount	(vi) Date and Time of Auction	(vii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(viii) Date and time of Inspection	(ix) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 3,13,98,700/- Demand Notice dated: 08-April-2022	J Lal And Sons, Jawahar Lal, Sameer Agarwal & Aruna Aggarwal	**Property 1:-All That Piece And Parcel Of** A Portion of The Property Bearing Old No. 40, Municipal No. 45 (45-29), Situated At Hale Gangamma Cheri Palya, Now Bearing New Municipal No. 29, New Gangamma Cheri, Mothinagar, Kalasipalya, Banaglore, Bbmp Ward No. 47, Pid No. 47-63-29, Property Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Measuring East To West 13.9 Feet And North To South 30.4 Feet Out Of The Said Property Admeasuring On The Eastern Side North To South 54 Feet And Western Side North To South 50 Feet And On The Northern Side East To West 30 Feet, Southern Side East To West 30 Feet Having A Residential/Commercial R.C.C Roofed Building With Red Oxide Floring And Jungle Wood And **Bounded As: East:** Primeses No. 28 Private Property, **West:** Premises No. 29, **North:** Mothinagar Street & **South:** A Portion Of Belongs To Vendor And Kalasi Palyam It' Croos	INR 61,89,025/-	INR 6,18,902.5/-	10th May 2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	9th May 2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	3rd May 2024 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM	Name- Mr. Saransh Bhatia Contact Number- 9532094647 Name- Samson Castelino Contact Number- 9164040717
			Property 2:-All That Piece And Parcel of House on Side No. 28 & 29, House List No. 289/1, Situated At B.Narayan Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Property Now Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Measuring East To West 70 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Totally Measuring 2800 Sq. Ft., And **Bounded As:-East:** Vendor'S Property, **West:** Road, **North:** Private Property & **South:** Road	INR 1,68,00,000/-	INR 16,80,000/-				

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

Date: 23.04.2024

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IN THE COURT OF THE VIII Addl. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC. No: 220 /2024 (CCH-15)

BETWEEN: Smt. Arunachalam Vijayalakshmi, W/o Shanmuga Balasubramaniyam, aged about 53 years, Represented by her GPA holder, Sri Shanmuga Balasubramaniyam, R/at 1400, 23rd Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 070 ...**Petitioner**

AND: -NIL- ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named has made petition to this court under section 276 Indian Succession Act for the grant of Probate in favour of the petitioner, in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late Smt.Indrani, mother of the petitioner who expired on 18/09/2018.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in the court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **15/06/2024** at **11:00 AM** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE -A

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.558, 63rd Cross, 5th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560 010, measuring East to West 52 feet and North to South 43 feet and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.559, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.617, **South by:** Road

Given under my hand & seal of the court, on this 19-04-2024

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for service: **KANNA .C**
Office at No. B-3, Ambica Kunj Building Basement Floor, Near J.P. Nagar Sub-registrar office, Konanakunte Amruth Nagar Main Road Bengalure- 560 062.

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Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Jayalakshmi Mr. M Raju **Prospect No. 950111**	All that piece and parcel of Muncipal No 344, Sy No 65/4, Site No 103, 5th Main 5th Cross, Ranganathpura, Situated At Kamakshipalya, Sane Guruvanahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Near Malemahadeshwara Temple, Bangalore-560079 Karnataka, india Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Carpet_area, Built_up_area Property Area: 600.00, 600.00, 240.00 Bounded By: North: Property of Gangamma (Earlier Loknath) South: Property of Govindamma (Earlier Chikkarudrayya) East: Road West: Property of Ningamma	₹ 1041464.00/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Only)	10-Feb-2024	19-Apr-2024

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** 1221, Dwarakha Plaza Building, Ist Floor, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bangalore-562123 **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bangalore | Date : 23-04-2024 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Limited**

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
560.29 ▲	Sensex	73,648.62	₹550 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹73,840	₹1,000 ▼	1 kg	₹85,500	▲ Dollar	83.36
189.40 ▲	Nifty	22,336.40	₹510 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹67,700	₹10 ▼	10 gm	₹855	▲ Euro	88.71

RIL logs flat net profit at ₹21,243 cr

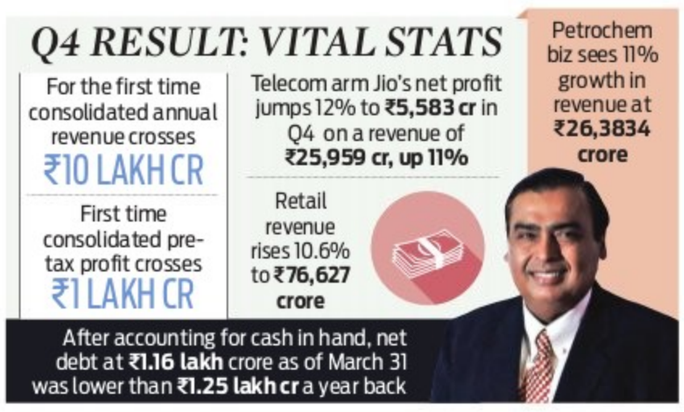
Annual earnings hit record high of over ₹1 lakh crore, driven by recovery in oil, petrochem biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

ENERGY-to-retail conglomerate Reliance Industries on Monday reported a flat net income for the quarter ending March at ₹21,243 crore. However, the annual earnings hit a record high of over ₹1 lakh crore, driven by a recovery in its core oil and petrochemicals business and sustained momentum from the telecom and retail businesses.

For the full fiscal, the Mukesh Ambani-led company set two records crossing the ₹10 lakh crore consolidated revenue mark and the ₹1 lakh crore consolidated pre-tax profit while the net profit touched ₹69,621 crore up from ₹66,702 crore in the preceding financial year. Its FY24 revenue rose 2.6% to ₹10,00,122 crore and consolidated pre-tax profit rose to ₹1,04,727 crore.

The oil-to-chemicals business, which is the main milch cow for the company, reported a growth in profitability annually, as well as sequentially, while the earnings from its retail business rose on new store openings despite lower footfalls. The telecom revenue soared as it outpaced competition in subscriber addition and data traffic. The mainstay oil refining and petrochemicals business reported an 11% growth in revenue at ₹26,3834 crore despite an 8.5% decline in exports.


Q4 RESULT: VITAL STATS
For the first time consolidated annual revenue crosses ₹10 LAKH CR
First time consolidated pre-tax profit crosses ₹1 LAKH CR
Telecom arm Jio's net profit jumps 12% to ₹5,583 cr in Q4 on a revenue of ₹25,959 cr, up 11%
Retail revenue rises 10.6% to ₹76,627 crore
Petrochem biz sees 11% growth in revenue at ₹26,3834 crore
After accounting for cash in hand, net debt at ₹1.16 lakh crore as of March 31 was lower than ₹1.25 lakh cr a year back

With the consumer base of Jio Inforcom swelled to 48.18 crore from 47.09 crore at the end of December on a flat per-user revenue of ₹181.7, its revenue rose 12% to ₹33,835 crore and earned net profit of ₹5,583 crore in the fourth quarter, which was 12% more than what it had earned in the same period in the previous fiscal. Also, aiding the business was rise in data traffic to 40.9 billion GB from 38.1 billion GB in the preceding December quarter.

For the full year, Jio posted a profit of ₹21,424 crore compared to ₹19,124 crore in FY23. Profit from the retail business climbed 11.7% to ₹2,698 crore as store count rose to 18,836 from 18,774. This was in spite a drop in footfalls to 27.2 crore from 28.2 crore in the December 2023 period but were higher than 21.9 crore recorded in the March 2023 quarter.

Oil and gas pre-tax soared 47.5% to ₹5,606 crore as higher gas volume partly offset lower price realisation.

The flagship KG-D6 oil and gas block in Krishna Godavari basin is now producing about 30 million standard cubic metres a day of gas and 23,000 barrels of oil/condensate per day.

Its outstanding debt rose to ₹3.24 lakh crore from ₹3.11 lakh crore in December. But its cash balance stood at ₹2,08,341 crore net debt only at ₹1.16 lakh croe as of end March which is marginally lower than the ₹1.25 lakh crre net debt as of March 2023. Chairman Mukesh Ambani said all segments of business have reported robust financial and operating numbers.

Jio net profit rises 11.7% to ₹5,583 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE country's largest telecom service provider Reliance Jio on Monday logged in 11.7% year-on-year growth in consolidated net income at ₹5,583 crore for the March quarter.

Revenue from operations for the reporting period was at ₹25,959 crore, which is 11% more than the year-ago quarter. On a standalone basis, net income rose 13% to ₹5,337 crore, the company said in a statement. For the full fiscal, net profit stood at ₹20,466 crore, which is 12.7% more than what it had booked in FY23. The revenue for full fiscal rose 10.2% to ₹1,00,119 crore. Average revenue per user or ARPU was, however, flat sequentially at ₹181.7 despite its higher margin 5G base crossing 100 million. Akash Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm, said telco continues to maintain its network leadership and offer innovative digital solutions to multiple customer cohorts. This is driving consistent outperformance in terms of subscriber additions and engagement levels."

FUNDRAISING

Vodafone Idea's ₹18,000 crore FPO booked 6.56 times

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

IN a big relief to debt-laden Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL), its ₹18,000 crore follow-on public offer (FPO) was subscribed 6.56 times on the third and final day, with investor bidding for 8,011.8 crore equity shares.

This marks the biggest FPO ever subscribed in India, surpassing previous records set by Yes Bank's ₹15,000 crore and ONGC's ₹10,542 crore offerings. Earlier, Adani Enterprises' had planned an FPO for ₹20,000 crore, which was withdrawn due to low demand after Hindenburg Research's report.

The qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) portion was subscribed 19.31 times, while non-institutional investors (NIIs) portion and retail segment were subscribed 4.54 times and 1.01 times, respectively.

The telco raised ₹5,400 crore from nearly 70 anchor investors ahead of its FPO. The telco, in an exchange filing, announced allotting 4.91 crore shares to anchor investors at ₹11 per share. Anchor investors include prominent names GQG Partners, Fidelity Investments, UBS Fund Management, Jupiter Fund Management, and Australian-Super. From India, the investors are India Infoline, Motilal Oswal, HDFC Mutual Fund, SBI General Insurance, and Quant.

US-based GQG Partners received the highest allocation of ₹1,345 crore, while from India, the top position was secured by Motilal Oswal Midcap Fund with ₹500 crore investment .

Akshaya Moondra, its CEO, addressing the press, said the telco will invest a large portion of the fund to improve its network. He said the company has allocated ₹12,750 crore to improve its network while ₹5,720 crore from the proceeds of FPO towards 5G rollout. VIL has been losing its users to its competitors due to poor investment in infrastructure. Moondra mentioned that telco expects to roll out 5G in next six-nine months. It, on February 27, 2024, announced plans to raise a total of ₹45,000 crore through a combination of equity and debt.

"Short-term pain risks of continued losses, subscriber attrition due to lack of expansion of 4G services compared to its peers will remain as hurdles. Post subscription data there can be a one-time pop up but post that investors should watch operations and development in the said plan of 4G and 5G," said Prashanth Tapse, vice president (Research) at Mehta Equities Ltd.

RAKE IN THE MOOLAH

Category	Size (₹cr)	subscribed (₹cr)	No of times
Institutional (QIB)	3,600	69,532	19.31
Non-institutional (HNI)	2,700	12,258	4.54
Retail	6,300	6,335	1.01
Total	15,300	1,00,382	6.56

Tesla puts on hold partnership with Ramkrishna Forgings

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

US-based electric carmaker Tesla has put on hold its partnership with Kolkata-based Ramkrishna Forgings, days after founder & CEO Elon Musk postponed his India visit where he was expected to announce the company's entry into the Indian market.

"Further to our earlier press release dated April 18, 2024, it is hereby notified that USA's Largest Electric Passenger Vehicle manufacturer has vide a subsequent communication put on hold its earlier approval in relation to supply of power train components, by Ramkrishna Forgings Limited," said a regulatory filing by Ramkrishna Forgings.

On Thursday, the Kolkata-based company had said it has secured approval to supply powertrain components to US' largest electric passenger vehicle producer. While Ramkrishna didn't disclose the name of the vehicle manufacturer in its announcement, sources confirmed it was Tesla. The size of the order was in the range of ₹400 crore. Ramkrishna had said it was a major milestone in its journey towards pioneering electric mobility solutions. It had said approval not only signifies its debut in the US EV market but also unlocks a multitude of thrilling new prospects.

The announcement came days ahead of Musk's expected visit to India where he scheduled to visit Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The entrepreneur on Saturday postponed it. "Unfortunately, very heavy Tesla obligations require that the visit to India be delayed, but I do look forward to visiting later this year," Musk said in a post on X on Saturday.

TELECOM

Govt flags 11K phone numbers to disconnect

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

A month after launching the Chakshu portal, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has flagged to telecom service providers nearly 11,000 numbers for disconnection.

Telcos such as Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea will further disconnect these suspected fraudulent numbers. Additionally, the DoT has worked with telecom companies to block over 700 SMS templates used for sending suspicious messages.

Chakshu, a facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal, enables people to report suspected fraudulent communications received via call, SMS, or WhatsApp. Launched in March 2024, it has received a positive response with numerous reports. Launched by telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, in March 2024, its purpose was to stop fraudulent calls.

"We have received an immense response to it. People have reported these issues in good numbers, and upon verification, we have sent around eleven thousand numbers to the service providers for disconnection. At the same time, we have also deactivated 700 SMS templates after receiving complaints," said a DoT official. To further enhance user experience, the government will soon launch a mobile app for the Sanchar Saathi portal. This app will serve as a one-stop solution for reporting telecom fraud and managing pesky calls.

MDH, Everest products under lens

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

THE Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is likely to initiate a thorough investigation into MDH and Everest spices in India after reports emerged that Singapore and Hong Kong have banned sale of these products due to presence of pesticides.

As per sources, the probe is expected to involve testing and quality assessments to determine if the products meet the quality and standards outlined by the FSSAI. "The upcoming examination will check for the presence of ethylene oxide, a dangerous pesticide unsuitable for human consumption, with prolonged exposure leading to cancer," a top government source stated.

MDH and Everest, renowned for their spices, dominate Indian kitchens and international markets, including the US, Europe, the Middle East, and the UK. Hong Kong's regulatory announcement was made on April 5 but gained public notice when Indian media reported it. On April 5, Hong Kong's Centre for Food Safety (CFS) revealed samples of various pre-packaged spice-mix products from two Indian brands contained the pesticide ethylene oxide.

The affected products include MDH's Madras Curry Powder, Everest Fish Curry Masala, MDH Sambhar Masala Mixed Masala Powder, and MDH Curry Powder Mixed Masala Powder. Subsequently, on April 18, the Singapore Food Agency requested the recall of Everest Fish Curry Masala due to the presence of pesticides.

CFS collected samples from three retail outlets in Tsim Sha Tsui for testing under its routine food surveillance programme. The test results showed the samples contained a pesticide, ethylene oxide.

Individuals selling food items with pesticide residue exceeding permissible limits could face a maximum fine of $50,000 and up to six months of imprisonment upon conviction.

Byju's founder raises debt to pay employees' salary

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

BYJU'S founder and CEO Byju Raveendran has secured a private debt to pay the salaries of employees for March. According to sources, teachers and employees at the lower end of the pyramid have received full March month salary, but others have received over 50% of salaries, and that Raveendran has raised about ₹30 crore for this purpose.

This comes ahead of the April 23 hearing at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) filed by four investors of the company. Four investors including Prosus NV and General Atlantic had filed an oppression and mismanagement plea at the NCLT. They have opposed the edtech firm's decision to raise rights issue of $200 million.

The fund raised so far is in an escrow account as per the NCLT order. Last week, the edtech firm announced that about 55% of its shareholders have approved the vote for an increase in authorised share capital.

Apart from March salaries, many employees are yet to receive February salaries as only part payments have been done so far and the management has informed that only if the rights issue gets cleared, they will receive the remaining amount.

DoT seeks SC clarification on spectrum allocation

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

IN a bid to avoid future legal challenges, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on Monday sought a clarification from the Supreme Court if it could allocate satellite spectrum to service providers without an auction.

The DoT also requested an urgent hearing of the matter. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's bench has asked the Attorney General to request an urgent hearing via email. In a petition, the government requested the court to issue appropriate clarifications that the DoT may consider the assignment of spectrum through administrative process, if so determined through due process in accordance with law, and if such assignment is in pursuit of governmental functions, or public interest so requires, or auction may not be preferred due to technical or economic reasons; and Pass such other order or further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case and in the interest of justice," said the government.

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The plea of DoT comes in the wake of a 2012 Supreme Court judgement and a Presidential reference that prescribed competitive auctions for distribution of natural public-owned resources such as spectrum. However, the Telecommunication Act, of 2023 passed in December 2024 mandates auction for spectrum for terrestrial networks. The bill also mentioned that there should be no auction for providing satellite communication in the country. The move was welcomed by the satellite communication players such as Bharti Airtel, , its UK-based partner OneWeb, and international satcom providers like Amazon's Project Kuiper and Starlink. Interestingly, India's largest telecom operator Reliance Jio is in favour of the auction. In fact, Jio has said to have written to DoT against the administrative allocation of satellite spectrum for commercial services. The company is of the view that going forward satcom services will compete with terrestrial networks as both will be connecting the mobile consumers.

SECTORAL REVIEW

Jobs growth in IT sector may comeback in 2nd half of FY25

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

THE IT sector has been witnessing a decline in employee headcount for at least five quarters now, but projections suggest a notable increase in hiring activity, with expectations of an 8-10% rise in recruitment throughout this calendar year.

According to experts, the second half of this fiscal looks promising for IT jobs. "The overall hiring landscape within the IT industry is forecasted to experience a surge of 12-15% in CY2024, driven primarily by the expansion of GCCs (global capability centres) and the stabilisation of the global economy," said Kapil Joshi, Deputy CEO of Quess IT Staffing.

Nearly after two decades, TCS, Infosys and Wipro together saw a decline of 63,759 employees in FY24. Also, apart from TCS, no IT firm is likely to visit campus this year.

Infosys CFO Jayesh Sanghrajka during Q4 earnings press conference said that the company's hiring model has changed in the last few years and that they are now on a more agile model of campus hiring. Also, IT firms are now focusing on utilisation including trainees.

"The reduction in employee headcount at major IT companies in India can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, there's an uncertain demand situation across global markets, particularly in the US and Europe, where cautious spending by clients has led to a decrease in demand for IT services. This decline is evident in the collective headcount drop of over 17,500 employees across the top 8 IT firms in the December quarter alone," Joshi said.

Additionally, geopolitical tensions, such as the conflicts between Israel-Hamas and Russia-Ukraine, have contributed to the downturn, he added.

Nirupama VG, Founder, ADAstra consultants, said the rapid adoption of automation and AI technologies has led to concerns about job displacement, with 30% of workers fearing technology may replace their roles. The rise of remote work, with 28% of office workers globally working remotely, has influenced employment patterns.

"The outlook appears promising despite initial setbacks. The presence of over 1600 GCCs in India, employing more than 1.5 million people, reflects the robust demand for IT professionals. The cybersecurity sector, in particular, shows potential, with a projected need for an 89% increase in the global cybersecurity workforce by 2023," Nirupama said.

Macquarie launches EV fund, to invest $1.5 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

EYEING an opportunity in India's electrification journey, Macquarie Asset Management, part of Australia's diversified Macquarie Group, on Monday launched an electric vehicle (EV) dedicated platform Vertelo.

The platform has received anchor investment from the Green Climate Fund which has committed to invest up to $200 million. Overall, Vertelo plans to invest $US1.5 billion over 10 years with the aim to achieve a potential greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 9.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent (MtCO2e). The launch of this platform comes as EV sales continue to grow at a healthy pace. According to data available, EV sales, led to two-wheelers and three-wheelers, grew 41% in financial year 2024 to 1.66 million units.

Macquarie said Vertelo would accelerate transition of fleets to EVs and build a robust ecosystem by offering solutions to customers including leasing and financing, charging infrastructure and energy solutions, fleet management services, and end-of-vehicle life management. It has signed a lease agreement with Chalo Mobility to supply 44 electric buses manufactured by JBM to operate in Mumbai.

Odisha State Health & Family Welfare Society

Deptt. Of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha
Annexure Building of SIH & FW, Nayapalli, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar-751012
Phone / Fax: 0674-2392479 / 80/88

Advt. No: 16/24

CLARIFICATION/CORRIGENDUM

TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF INTEGRATED PATIENT TRANSPORT i.e. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (108), BOAT AMBULANCE, 24 x 7 REFERRAL MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE (JANANI EXPRESS) AND HEALTH HELPLINE SERVICE (104), "IPTHHS, Ph-II" IN ODISHA

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With reference to the advertisement published on RFP Reference No. OSH&FWS/01/2024/IPTHHS-II published in the **"The Indian Express"**, **"The New Indian Express"** , **"The Times of India"**, "Prameya" and "Dharitri" on 30.01.2024 , and subsequent clarification/corrigendum published on 31st March, 2024, in response to queries raised in the pre-bid conference, the revised Clarification to the point no.16 of the clarification/corrigendum published is being issued to the **"Request for Proposal" for Operation and Management of INTEGRATED PATIENT TRANSPORT AND HEALTH HELPLINE SERVICE, "IPTHHS, Ph-II" IN ODISHA(30 Districts)**. The details of the revised clarification to the point No.16 of the clarification/corrigendum published , can be downloaded from the official website https://nhmodisha.gov.in and https://health.odisha.gov.in . All other terms and conditions in the RFP (except clarification/corrigendum published on 31.03.2024) and advertisement published on 30.01.2024 shall remain unchanged. Further, the last date for submission of complete bid documents is remain **unchanged i.e. 29th April 2024 ,3 P.M.**

OIPR-10084/11/0001/2425 **Sd/- Mission Director, National Health Mission, Odisha**

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Victoria Road Branch, No.25, (Opposite Hyderabad Biryani),
Victoria Layout, Bengaluru-560047

POSSESSION NOTICE 13(4) (For Immovable Property) APPENDIX- IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Victoria Road Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated: **09.02.2024** calling upon the **Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors: Sri. Mohan Kumar. S** S/o Sri. Srikanta Bommana, No.8, 16th Main Road, M.L.E.H School, Muneshwara Block, Bangalore South, Bengaluru–560026. and **Also at :** Flat No.3005, 3rd Floor, Mayur Daffodils, S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562125, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.50,96,928.98 Paisa** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Eight and Paisa Ninety Eight Only) as on **05.02.2024 inclusive of interest upto 05.02.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **20th April 2024.**

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.50,96,928.98 Paisa** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Eight and Paisa Ninety Eight Only) as on **05.02.2024 inclusive of interest upto 05.02.2024** , together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residentially converted land by the Assistant commissioner vide No.ALN.SR.(A)319/2004-05, bearing Sy No.119/3, measuring 1 Acre and 10 Guntas, situated at S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural and bounded on the : East by : Land of Sri. Yellappa, S/o Sri. Kivudappa, West by : Land bearing Sy No.119/2, North by : Road reaching to Handenahalli Village, South by : Land of Thyavakanahalli Balappa

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 482 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment/Flat bearing No.3005, on the Third Floor, in the Residential Apartment Building known as "MAYUR DAFFODILS", having Super Built Up Area measuring 1,205 Square Feet, Constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, alongwith One covered Car Parking Space in the Basement Level and the Apartment is bounded on the : East by : Open Space, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat No. 3004, South by : Flat No. 3006.

Date : 20.04.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Bank of Baroda

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Quantity	EMD (Rs.)
1.	13245117 06.05.2024	Fixed PA System for Waris Shah Hall consisting of 20 items. PL NO. 501808510075	01 Set	20,65,690.00
2.	14241046 13.05.2024	ADHESIVE FOR LHB COACHES.	107579 LTR	. 2000000/-
3.	17241102 31.05.2024	AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION CUM SUPPRESSION SYSTEM FOR LHB POWER CAR AND PANTRY CAR COACHES	125 SET	10,35,450/-
4.	13245108 16.05.2024	CNC Controlled Dynamic Wheel Balancing Machine with Correction Machine. Pre-Bid conference 29.04.2024	1 Set	295000/-
5.	12241177 03.06.2024	ADAPTOR FOR EURO LAVATORY FOR LHB COACHES, as perDrawing: MI007765 ALT NIL, Packing Instruction NO.PI018 VER1.0: BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING TRANSIT DAMAGE IF ANY SHALL BE AT THE COST OF SUPPLIER	1498.00 Numbers	68940.00
6.	13235422 14.05.2024	EOT Crane -20 Ton as per specification no. Mech/M&P/3800/03 Rec-04.	04 Nos	5,22,000/-
7.	14241066 15.05.2024	Cleaner / Primer / CLEANER & PRIMER FOR LHB COACHES.	1875 Ltr. / 1704 Ltr.	143780
8.	14241064 15.05.2024	ALUMINIUM FLEXIBLE DUCTING PIPE.	6719 Mtr.	54230
9.	12241116 27.05.2024	TAIL LAMP BRACKET (STAINLESS STEEL)	8146 Nos	67250.00
10.	17241143 20.05.2024	SET OF ALUMINUM POWDER COATED ROOF PANELS FOR LWSCZ COACHES	31 Sets	77,430/-
11.	17241092 17.05.2024	Set of FRP Covering For Door Pillars For LHB GS EOG Coaches.	1040 Sets	1,13,520/-
12.	15235142B 22.05.2024	Supply, Installation , testing & commissioning of 15 MVA , 132/11 KV, star-star, ONAN T Type Power Transformer with OLTC (As per specification RCF/EL/PS/132/11KV-15MVA-POWER -TR/01 after removing the exiting Transformer, Shifting of exiting transformer after removal to a place within RCF Kapurthala Premises with complete accessories will be in contractor's scope.	02 Nos	898520.00/-
13.	05241231 20.05.2024	BRAKE DISC FOR WHEELS SET	12646 Nos.	5000000.00
14.	05241227 28.05.2024	HIGH TENSILE TIGHTLOCK CBC	2981 sets	50,00,000/-
15.	05241234 13.05.2024	INTEGRATED WTCC	2659 nos	20,00,000/-
16.	05241235 04.06.2024	FORNT PARTS (TWO TYPES)	363 SETS 151 NOS	20,00,000/-
17.	01231183B 15.05.2024	AXLE BOX HOUSING FOR MEHU DMC	1599 Nos	509440
18.	04241021 16.05.2024	Aluminum Pipe	94000 METRE	9,31,730.00

CORRIGENDUM

1. Tender No. 02241056; **Due on:** 30.04.2024; **Description:** GPS LOCATION BASED PAPIS FOR LHB AC 2T AND AC 3T COACHES; **EMD:** to be read as Rs. 20,00,000.00 instead of Rs. 12,46,680.00; **Quantity:** to be read as 292 SET instead 180 SET; **DELIVERY:** MODIFIED AS REVISED TENDER; **2. Tender No.** 14231255; **Due date:** to be read as 02.05.2024 instead of 22.04.2024; **3. Tender No.** 14241002; **Due date:** to be read as 30.04.2024 instead of 22.04.2024; **4. Tender No.** 13245022; **Due date:** to be read as 02.05.2024 instead of 22.04.2024;

1.For details and making On-line Tender, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at Website **http://www.cce.gov.in 2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS. S.No 1 to 12 Tenders will opened at Kapurthala New Delhi, and S.No. 13 to 18 Tender will opened at Tilak Bridge ; **3.** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897 **PCMM**

NO. 010-S/2024-25 Dated: 22.04.2024

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(KA).
A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total O/s Amount as on	Description of the Immovable property
1.	**Loan Code _No : 18800004251 Jayanagar Branch)** **Ravisha B** (Borrower) **Pramilamma N** (Co Borrower)	12-10-2022 ₹ 32,21,862.00	₹ 35,00,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only)	29-02-2024 ₹ 40,15,909.00	NA Western Portion Of Site No 37 K No 160 Sy No 29 1 And 29 3 Kodigehalli Village K R Puram, Bengaluru - 560036, Karnataka. Bounded : **East By :** Remaining Portion of site No.37, **West By :** Site No.38, **North By :** Praviate Property and **South By** : Road.

The Authorised Officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.** AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. **This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**

The Date of Auction is fixed for 08-05-2024

Place : Jayanagar Authorised Officer
Date : 23.04.2024 Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Branch, No : 181, Sri Sai Sukrutha Complex, Opp BDA Complex, 2nd Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560072. Ph: 080-23183015
Email : cb3194@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD.** through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com**

Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1)	**BORROWER (S) : 1) Omkar Motors,** No 15/1 Trupthi Plaza, 6th Block, Banyan Tree Bus Stop, Ring Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore, 560072. **2) Puttaramegowda J K S/o Kempaiah, (Partner of M/s Omkar Motors)**, #58, New 62, 8th Main, 4th Block Nandini Layout, Bangalore- 560072. **3) Naga S/o Maranna (Partner of M/s Omkar Motors),** No:17/2, 13th Cross, Agrahara, Dasarahalli Bangalore-560079.	1) Rs. 1,04,49,507.88 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.46,00,000/- 4) Rs.4,60,000/-	1) 07.05.2024 before 05.00 p.m 2) 209272434 3) CNRB0003194 4) Rs. 50,000/-	1. 08.05.2024 2. 11.00 am to 12.30 noon 3. 04.05.2024 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
2)	Canara Bank - **Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Branch, Bangalore 560072** **Phone No. 080-23183015, Mob No. 9483523194.** **Description of the immovable property -** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal Site No.17/1, BBMP Industrial Town, Sub-Division, Ward No.21,PID No.21-67-17/2, Now Khatha No.17/2, out of this Part and Portion of Eastern Side of the Property situated at, Agrahara Dasarahalli, 13th 'C' Cross, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, Total Measuring 600 Sq. Feet and Bounded on :**East by** : Property belongs to Rangappa, **West by** : A Schedule Property belongs to Venkatesh, **North by** : Property belongs to Lakkamma and **South by** : Road.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **http://www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore Authorized Officer
Date : 22.04.2024 Canara Bank

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT(ARM) II BRANCH,
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001
Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **seccured creditor,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
1. M/s.Kalpatru, No.138, 2nd floor, Jaya Building, Mamulpet, Bangalore 560053. **2. Sri.Uttamchand Jain,** Partner, No.43/1, 2nd floor, Cottonpet Cross, SM Lane, Akkipet, Bangalore 560053. **3. Sri.Madanlal M Lalan,** Partner, No.15, 1st floor, 'Mohan Khedha Apartment', Binny Mill Road, Bangalore 560053.	**Rs.3,76,64,290/-** (Rupees Three crore seventy six lakhs sixty four thousand two hundred ninety only) as on 30.11.2023 plus further interest thereon from 01.12.2023 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from M/s.Kalpatru & others.	**Details and full description of the property: Item no.1:** All that part and parcel of property bearing internal no.FT-3 & 4, 4th floor of the building 'Pooja Avenue' bearing BBMP no.48/33 & 48/34, PID no.30-2-48/33 & PID no.30-2-48/34, Old Tharagupet Road, Ward no.102, Mamulpet, Bangalore 560053 together built-up area 642.21 Sft (612.63 Sft+29.58 Sft)with undivided share of 133.69 sq.ft(127.53 Sft+6.16 Sft) in the land and bounded as below: Ft-3, 4th Floor East by Property of G K Puttaswamaiah, West by Property of Dada & Company, North by Old Tharagupet and South by Old Patnoolpet Road. Ft-4, 4th Floor East by Common Passage of Pooja Avenue Complex, West by Staircase Area, North by Staircase Area and South by Staircase Area. **Item no.2:** All that piece and parcel of property at no.4, Municipal no.29/8, PID no.29-17-29/8 on the 4th floor of the building 'Kalpathru Classic' measuring about 1206.33 sq.ft. of super built up area with one covered car parking space in the stilt area together with 266.59 sq.ft. undivided share of right, title and interest in land comprised in Municipal no.29, PID no.29-17-29, Ganigara Pillanna lane, Cottonpet, Bangalore 560053 and bounded on the East by Mavinamarada Appanna, West by Property of Rangadasappa & Kamakka, North by Property of Ilandamma, Maragasamma & Manikya Mudaliar and South by Ganigara Pillanna Lane.	08/05/2024 - 10.30 A M to 11.30 A M	**Reserve Price: Item no. 1 Property :** Rs.70.85 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs.7,08,500/- **Item no. 2 Property :** Rs.112.60 Lakhs **EMD :** Rs.11,26,000/- **before 06/05/2024 at 3.00pm.**	1) Multiplies of Rs.2,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
1. M/s.S R Industries rep.by Sri.Uttam Chand, No.16/A, Kumbalagudu Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Gerapalaya, Big Banyan Tree Road, Bangalore 560074. **2. Smt.Manju Devi,** No.43/1, Cottonpet Cross, SM Lane,Bangalore 560053. **3. M/s.M M Plastic Udyog** rep. by Sri.Uttam Chand, No.16/A, Kumbalagudu Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Gerapalaya, Big Banyan Tree Road, Bangalore 560074.	**Rs.6,02,45,621.57** (Rupees Six crore two lakhs forty five thousand six hundred twenty one and paise fifty seven only) as on 30.11.2023 plus further interest thereon from 01.12.2023 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from S R Industries & others.	**Details and full description of the property: Item no.1:** All that piece and parcel of property at no.43/1, PID no.29-95-43/1, 2nd floor, Shetty Mudanna Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore 560053, BBMP ward no.29 measuring 1309 sq.ft. along with 461.25 sq.ft of undivided share in the land and bounded on the East by Venkatachalamaiah's property, West by Adavaiappa's property, North by Reddy Butchappa Lane and South by Kapoorchand's property and others. **Item no.2:** All that part and parcel of Industrial land in Plot no.16/A, Kumbalagodu Panchayat Katha no.121, Property no.177/16/A situated at Sy.no.95, Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560074 measuring 2754 sq ft with building thereon along with common passage bounded on the East by Plot No 15/B, West by Plot No 16/B, North by Road & remaining portion of the same property and South by Plot no.14/B.	08/05/2024 - 10.30 A M to 11.30 A M	**Reserve Price: Item no. 1 Property :** Rs.102.35 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs.10,23,500/- **Item no. 2 Property :** Rs.170.95 **EMD :** Rs.17,09,500/- **before 06.05.2024 at 3.00pm.**	1) Multiplies of Rs.2,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer on 04/05/2024.
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/ NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0006298 on or before 06.05.2024 - 3.00 PM.
e) The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.indianbankseauction.com and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD. e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 06/05/2024 - 5.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 9832952602
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j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50 (Rupees Fifty) lacs and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
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Place : Bangalore | Date : 22/04/2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

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It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **16.05.2024 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. M/s.Brahmana Seva Trust (R) No.673/334/702/705/706, Near Channakeshava Swami Temple, Ward No.6, Fort, Vijayapura, Bangalore Rural - 562 135. **2. Dr. T K Sathyaprasad - President,** No.16/1, Old No. 286/A, 38th Cross, 1st Main, Near JSS School, 8th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560 070. **3. Sri.S Muralidhar Bhattacharya – Founder Working President,** Ward No. 6, Near Chennakeshava Swamy Temple, Kote Street, Vijayapura Bangalore Rural - 562 135. **4. Sri. H R Sheshigiri Rao – Vice President,** No.20, Ward No. 6, Near Keshava Swamy Temple Road, Vijayapura, Amanikere, Bangalore Rural - 562 135. **5. Sri S.Kumaraswamy – Founder Secretary** No.2234, 10th Ward, 1st Cross, Near Karnataka Bank, Balajigara Beedhi, Vijayapura, Amanikere, Bangalore Rural - 562 135 **and also residing at** No. 28, VS PG for Gents, Above More Super Market, Jawaharalal Nehru Road, BEML Layout III Stage, Rajarajeswari Nagara, Bangalore – 560 098. **6. Sri.G Sathish Kumar** Assistant Secretary, 14th Ward, Sunna Kallu Beedhi, Yellamma Temple Circle, Vijayapura, Bangalore Rural-562135. **7. Sri. G Suryanarayana- Founder Treasurer,** Ward No. 8, Kote Beedhi, Vijayapura, Bangalore Rural-562135. **8. Smt. Veena Prakash -** Trustee, No.1276/1 Ward No 6, Near Keshavaswamy, Temple Road, Vijayapura, Amanikere, Bangalore Rural - 562 135. **9. Sri S Chandramouli - Trustee,** No.1431, Ward No.,7, Near Keshavaswamy Temple Road, Kote Beedhi, Vijayapura, Bangalore Rural - 562 135. **10. Sri. V.S. Ravi - Trustee,** No.314, Ward No 2, J C Extention, Opposite Water Tank, Vijayapura, Amanikere, Bangalore Rural - 562 135.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website : **https://www.bankeauction.com** on **16.05.2024, Thursday at 10.00 A.M, to 11.00 A.M** for recovery of **Rs.3,20,51,636/-** (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only) due and payable by you as on **31.03.2024** and further interest at contractual rate from **01.04.2024** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

Description of the property: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.705 & 706, Municipal Khatha No.673/334/705/706, measuring 100 feet x 47 feet & 30 feet x 56 feet, situated at Chennakeshava Swamy Temple Street, 2nd Division, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, together with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East By:Municipal Road, West By: Municipal Property, North By:Chennakeshava Swamy Temple & Road, South By:Road and Revenue Property.
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Reserve Price	**Rs.2,82,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.28,20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Thousand only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs.2,82,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Only)**
Last date for payment of EMD	**15.05.2024 UPTO 4.30 P.M.**
Date and time of Auction Sale	**16.05.2024, Thursday from 10.00 AM to 11.00 A.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted.	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: J.P.Nagar Branch, Branch Code: 004016100000001, IFSC Code: MVCB0000004**

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This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 22.04.2024 **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Ghosal ends pro career but will play for India

India's finest men's squash player Saurav Ghosal on Monday announced his retirement from professional circuit but he will continue representing the country at multi-discipline events for some more time. Besides winning two gold medals in team events of Incheon and Hangzhou Asian Games, Ghosal has three Commonwealth Games medals.

The minerals behind Gukesh's winning move

Lots of sleep, morning tennis and less intensive chess sessions are some of the routines that helped Indian Grandmaster re-write history at Toronto

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THERE was a point when Magnus Carlsen struggled to identify with D Gukesh's thought process during the latter's last round Candidates tie against Hikaru Nakamura. "I hate it," the Norwegian said on live commentary. Ten minutes after the 17-year-old's 10... cxd4 and 11... b4, Carlsen performed a u-turn. "I love what Gukesh has done," the multiple former world champion said. "I didn't even think of b4, it's a nice. I don't think I have seen it before."

In that inspired 10-minutes, Gukesh went from one of the contenders to the only contender. Those moves invited Nakamura to burn time. It forced him to defend while the Indian further consolidated his position in the middle-game. The endgame was only going to be a draw as they played down to bare kings. After 71 moves, Gukesh had the half point. Now, he had to wait.

> **The journey is only halfway done. They know how grateful I'm to them. I would not like to take their names but each of them played a huge role.**
>
> Gukesh's message to his team

He tried to follow the game between Ian Nepomniachtchi and Fabiano Caruana (a winner in this match would have induced tie-breaks after Gukesh's draw) on commentary. The stress, though, was too much. So, he went back to his hotel room with Grzegorz Gajewski, his main second. He also went on a walk with the Pole. That was when his dad came running out of the venue to say 'it's over'.

History was rewritten early on Monday morning. Gukesh had become the youngest to qualify for the title match. While Toronto bore witness to it, the top-board Olympiad winner from 2022 had made multiple small tweaks in his everyday rhythm to ensure he gave himself the best chance.

He dedicated the entirety of March to 'fix his circadian rhythm', according to Vishnu Prasanna, his primary trainer for over the last six years. "Compared to other events, he focussed a little bit less on chess," Prasanna tells this daily. "He was actually resting and relaxing a lot more. Usually what happens is he used to be a morning person and sleep till late. So he was trying to fix his circadian rhythm and stuff like that. He was playing tennis in the morning, socialising, resting well and being free, mentally. That was the focus all of March, compared to his usual training. Of course, there was training but it was less intensive."

Both of them also spent time in coffee shops to help Gukesh get into the ideal headspace. At the end of last year, he was struggling with the pressure of his own expectations. Both of them wanted to avoid this. 'We constantly engaged in a lot of discussions," Prasanna explains. "He has a big team now, not just me. We just meet in a coffee shop rather than in a pure training atmosphere, just spoke about a lot of things. How to deal with... change his perspective not on pressure itself but on his own expectations. He has very high expectations of himself so dealing with slight failures and so on and what to expect out of the Candidates. There were also lots of discussions on the scenarios one may encounter here (during the Candidates)."

It had a big bearing in the final result. After Gukesh's loss to Alireza Firouzja in the seventh round, one may have expected him to question himself. But he doubled down; if anything, the loss spurred him on to the title. Even at other times, he could well have doubted himself, especially in the last round.

He did have a half-point advantage but the chasing pack was chess royalty: Nakamura, his opponent, was one of the pre tournament favourites and a veteran (he had become GM before Gukesh was born). Nepomniachtchi had the knowhow, winning the last two Candidates. Caruana, the third-highest rated player in history, had also won the Candidates before. In effect, three bonafide legends of the game were breathing down his neck when Sunday dawned.

This is where his clarity played a role. He never played for a draw against Nakamura. "We always play to win," Prasanna says. "We can win but what's the best way to go there. Be patient and wait for the opportunities. Be objective and wait for your chances. Nothing too reckless but go for the win when you have to." When pre tournament predictions were being made, nobody gave Gukesh as much as a sniff because of his inexperience. But kept his focus, ensured he played sharp chess, kept his composure when push came to shove. He married all of those to etch a piece of history.

He's now gunning for Ding Liren's throne.

CANDIDATES (final standings)

Gukesh	9
Nakamura	8.5
Nepomniachtchi	8.5
Caruana	8.5
Praggnanandhaa	7
Gujrathi	6
Firouzja	5
Abasov	3.5

D Gukesh (R) in action against Hikaru Nakamura | PTI

WOMEN'S Candidates

Zhongyi	9
Humpy	7.5
Tingjie	7.5
Vaishali	7.5
Goryachkina	7
Lagno	6.5
Salimova	5.5
Muzychuk	6.5

GUKESH'S PATH TO VICTORY

Rd 1 — drew Vidit, Rd 2 — bt Praggnanandhaa, Rd 3 — drew Nepomniachtchi, Rd 4 — drew Caruana, Rd 5 — bt Abasov, Rd 6 — drew Nakamura, Rd 7 — lost to Firouzja, Rd 8 — bt Vidit, Rd 9 — drew Praggnanandhaa, Rd 10 — drew Nepomniachtchi, Rd 11 — drew Caruana, Rd 12 — bt Abasov, Rd 13 — bt Firouzja, Rd 14 — drew Nakamura

17 At 17, Gukesh becomes the youngest to win this event (the previous youngest was Garry Kasparov who was 20 and 11 months)

1 Gukesh v. Liren will be the first all-Asian World Championship

2847 Gukesh's rating performance during the course of the event

2763.4 Gukesh current rating (1.4 points better than Liren, the current world champion)

2 Gukesh is only the 2nd Indian to win the Candidates and first after Viswanathan Anand

Don't be crazy: Carlsen's advice

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In February, at an event in Germany, Gukesh had turned to Carlsen for some Candidates-based insight. The Norwegian recounted this story during live commentary on chess24's stream on Sunday. "Gukesh had asked me in Germany what he should do in the Candidates. I told him I didn't have any good advice... I only told him that he shouldn't go crazy, and just look for chances because other players will go crazy." The other players tried. Gukesh triumphed.

After painful loss to Alireza, I started believing: Champ

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

THE smile was plastered on D Gukesh's face in the 13-minute press conference following the last round of the Candidates. The teen, who became the youngest to win the prestigious eight-player event, addressed a variety of issues. His main second, Grzegorz Gajewski, was by his side. Excerpts from the press conference:

• On his emotions

So relieved and happy. I was following this crazy game (between Ian Nepomniachtchi and Fabiano Caruana). I was completely emotional. After the game, now, I'm feeling quite good.

• On his performance (question to Gakewski)

Very happy. Not just in terms of his results but also in the quality of the games. The quality of his moves were so high that he didn't make too many mistakes. He had one accident in his first game against Alireza (Firouzja). Apart from that, there were hardly any mistakes.

• On any preliminary thoughts on the title bout against Ding Liren

I haven't really thought about it a lot. I just got to know the result. I haven't had any time (to think about it) but the main strategy will be to play good moves and be in the right mindset. Very excited to play in the World Championship match.

• On when did you start believing you could win this

I wasn't 100% sure even after the last game to be honest (the tournament would have gone to a two-way tie-breaker if the game between Nepomniachtchi and Caruana had a winner). If I had to pinpoint a moment where I really felt this could be my moment, it was probably after the seventh game. After I lost to Firouzja, I was quite upset. But I felt so good, during the rest day (after that loss). Even though it was painful, I was at my absolute best. I don't know, maybe the loss gave me so much motivation.

• On the tag of becoming the youngest to win it

I'm mostly just happy about winning the tournament. Don't really care about the youngest and all these records. It's a nice thing to say (smiles).

Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham scored the decisive goal on Sunday | AP

Barca may seek El Clasico replay if ref call is wrong

AGENCIES @Barcelona

BARCELONA president Joan Laporta said on Monday the club will demand a Clasico replay if they can prove officials made a mistake by not allowing Lamine Yamal's "ghost goal".

The champions fell to a 3-2 defeat against Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday in a match which featured multiple controversial incidents, leaving their arch-rivals 11 points clear at the top of La Liga. The most debated was 16-year-old winger Yamal's first-half flick from a corner which may have crossed the line before Madrid goalkeeper Andriy Lunin pushed it away. Without goal-line technology in Spain, officials used VAR to try and confirm if the ball had crossed the line but could not be certain it had and so play continued with the score level at 1-1. "If, once the documentation has been analysed, the club understands that there was an error in the assessment of the play, as we think there was, we will take all the necessary steps to reverse the situation, without ruling out any legal action that may be necessary," said Laporta in a video published by Barcelona.

"If it is confirmed that it was a legal goal, as we believe it was, we will go further and ask for a replay of the match, as has happened in another European match due to a VAR error."

EXPRESS READ

Ramit goes down to Elias in third round

NEW DELHI: India's Ramit Tandon's impressive run at the El Gouna International Open squash tournament came to an end as he went down in straight games to Peruvian world No 3 Diego Elias in the third round of El Gouna International Open in Egypt. The Indian lost 11-2, 11-4, 11-2 against the former World No 1.

Nadal signs up for 2024 Laver Cup

MADRID: Rafael Nadal will represent Team Europe at the Laver Cup in Berlin this September in what could be one of the final events of the 22-time Grand Slam champion's career, organisers announced on Monday. Nadal, who turns 38 in June, has said he expects this to be his final year on tour.

OST 2: Bhavesh, Simranpreet finish on top

NEW DELHI: Bhavesh Shekhawat finished on top in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol final in the second Olympic Selection Trials (OST) here. Bhavesh shot 34 to finish ahead of OST 1 winner Anish Bhanwala. Simranpreet Brat, meanwhile, garnered 37 points to win the women's 25m pistol. She finished ahead of Manu Bhaker (35).

Rahul gathering momentum ahead of WC

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

WITH the IPL being closely followed by the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies in June, the performance of Indian players in the ongoing league will decide the composition of the national team. While a few players are certainties in the 15-member squad, a few spots are up for grabs including back-up options in case the first priority players suffer an injury or are sidelined due to some reasons.

One such spot in the playing XI is wicketkeeper-batter. Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant, who made a miraculous return to competitive cricket following a deadly car crash more than a year ago, may have sealed his spot given his batting position down the order and his show in the league so far. However, there are still a few options, who can stake a claim as a cover for Pant. One among them is Dinesh Karthik, who minced no words while showing his intention to be in the team for the tournament. "At this stage in my life, it would be the greatest feeling for me to represent India," Karthik had said on the eve of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's game against Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens.

The other player, who has slowly come up the ladders during the IPL, is KL Rahul. For him, the start was good when he scored 58 off 44 against Rajasthan Royals in a losing cause but his strike rate was not at par with what is expected from batters in modern day T20 cricket. The right-hand batter then gradually made amends and looked solid in his team's emphatic win over Chennai Super Kings in Lucknow last week. He scored 82 off 53 with a strike rate of 154.71. His innings was laced with nine fours and three sixes. Rahul added 134 with his opening partner Quinton de Kock in the first 15 overs chasing 177 to lay the foundation for an easy win.

CSK batting coach Michael Hussey was all praise for the Rahul. "He (Rahul) is very difficult to bowl to because he can play shots all round the ground. He has been playing good cricket and looks confident which makes him very dangerous. He has that ability to play big innings, 80+ plus," Hussey told the media on the eve of CSK's return leg match against LSG at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. Rahul's overall strike rate might be hovering around 143 in the first seven matches but what makes life easy for him is below-par performances of other wicketkeeper-batters from the country, who were in the reckoning before the start of the tournament. Jitesh Sharma and Ishan Kishan are among them. The former has scored just 126 runs in eight matches so far with 29 being his best. He is striking at the rate of 125.49. Kishan might have a strike rate of 168.42 but the way things have gone for him since the South Africa tour, there seems to be a doubt in his selection. Rajasthan Royals' captain Sanju Samson leads the race with 314 runs from eight matches.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

INDIAN KEEPER-BATTERS' SHOWS SO FAR

Player	M	R	HS	AVG	SR
Rahul	7	286	82	40.85	143
Pant	8	254	55	36.28	150.29
Samson	8	314	82 n.o	62.8	152.4
Karthik	8	251	83	62.75	196.09
Kishan	8	192	69	24	168.42
Jitesh	8	128	29	16	125.49

CSK look to get back to winning ways

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings will bank on home advantage when they face Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at the MA Chidambaram stadium here. Having lost their previous game to LSG at Lucknow, CSK will look to get back to their winning ways.

CSK have always performed as a unit at Chepauk and Morne Morkel, bowling coach of the LSG, is aware of this. "CSK are a tough team to beat and to play back to back you know, we'll have to be streetwise (smart). I thought the other day in Lucknow we did the basics really well and for me that's going to be the key message. And a quick turnaround, to have the same hunger, that intensity to execute and do the basics well," said

MS Dhoni during a practice session in Chennai on Monday | PTI

Morkel. "It's a ground where the margins are very small. They've got dangerous hitters at the back-end which we all know very well. So for us, we need to assess the conditions quickly, have the intensity from ball one going, because we can't allow Chennai to have a good platform because they're just so powerful back end," he added.

In the last game at Lucknow, KL Rahul and Quinton de Kock put up a record opening partnership which proved to be the difference. All the CSK bowlers went for runs and Moeen Ali, who just gave 5 runs in one over, was not not given another chance to bowl. After the loss many experts had faulted CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad for not giving Moeen another chance to bowl. But Mike Hussey, the batting coach of CSK, insisted that Ruturaj takes decisions on his own and was doing a good job as captain.

With Rahul and de Kock in good touch, CSK openers (Rachin Ravindra/Ruturaj/Ajinkya Rahane) must get their act going.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pooran vs CSK spinners

Nicholas Pooran has been holding the LSG middle-order together, but it will be interesting to see if he'll be able to replicate the same at Chepauk, a turf that has largely assisted the bowlers. Ravindra Jadeja and the rest of the CSK spinners could offer him a stern test.

POINTS TO PONDER

With Chennai Super Kings taking on Lucknow Super Giants at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, a look...

Eyes on Rachin

After the cameos in the first two matches, Rachin Ravindra has not been able to make an impact. While his partner Ruturaj Gaikwad has regained form, CSK would want the southpaw to get back in the groove soon.

Chennai Super Kings vs Lucknow Super Giants, Chennai — Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema, 7.30 PM

RR's Sandeep Sharma rejoices after taking a wicket against MI on Monday | AP

Sandeep and Yashasvi shine through to keep RR on top

ENS @Chennai

PACER Sandeep Sharma took 5/18 before Yashasvi Jaiswal smashed a century (104 n.o) as Rajasthan Royals beat Mumbai Indians by nine wickets on on Monday.

Chasing 180, Jos Buttler got out for 35 in the eighth over, but Jaiswal, along with skipper Sanju Samson, batted through to take RR home. After a string of low scores, the left-hander hit an unbeaten 60-ball 104 to help his team remain on top of the table.

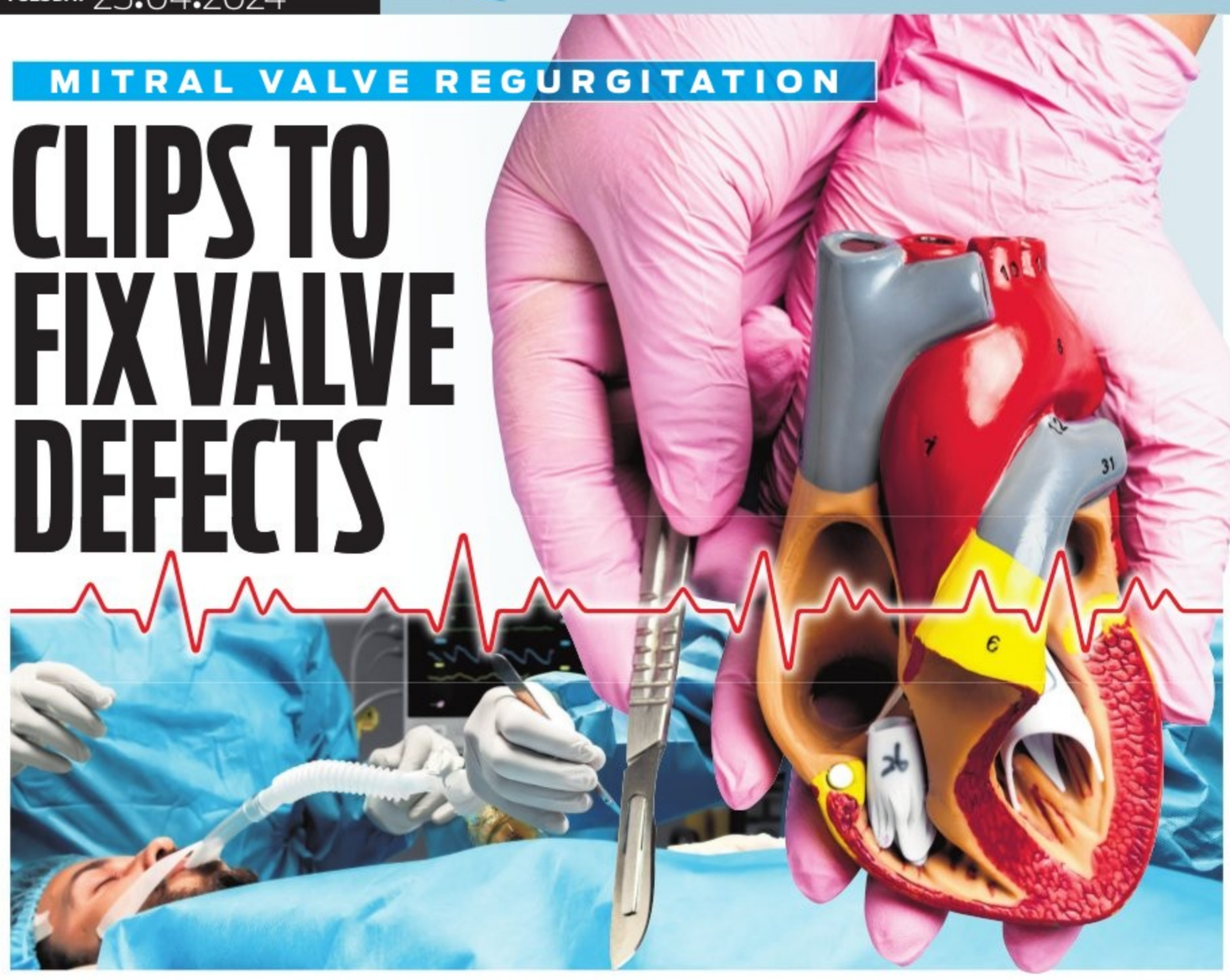
Opting to bat, Mumbai lost Rohit Sharma on the fifth ball of the match. Then, Ishan Kishan nicked one behind in the next over from Sandeep. The Punjab pacer removing Suryakumar Yadav in his next over, but when Avesh Khan came on, Mohammad Nabi hit him for a six and two fours as MI finished the powerplay at 45/3. R Ashwin delivered a boundary-less over, but Yuzvendra Chahal reaped rewards, removing Nabi. From thereon, Tilak Varma (65 off 45 balls) and Nehal Wadhera (49 off 24 balls) took MI to a respectable total.

Brief scores: MI 179/9 in 20 ovs (Tilak 65, Nehal 49; Sandeep 5/18) lost to RR 183/1 in 18.4 ovs (Jaiswal 104 n.o).

According to a study among adults aged above 50, cardiac events are common in unvaccinated adults who are hospitalised with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection. The study included 6,248 unvaccinated US adults hospitalised with RSV, and over one in five experienced an acute cardiac event, researchers reported in JAMA Internal Medicine

MITRAL VALVE REGURGITATION

CLIPS TO FIX VALVE DEFECTS



ANNA JOSE @Kochi

ONCE upon a time, the only option to treat heart diseases was open heart surgery. As technology developed, the possibilities for treating heart conditions through minimally invasive procedures have also increased, bringing down the recuperation period and complications.

One such heart condition for which treatment has advanced is mitral valve regurgitation. In this condition, the valve between the left heart chambers does not close fully, and as a result, blood leaks backward across the valve. This was normally treated with open heart surgery, and in the last 10 years, the option for mitral valve clipping has become available in India.

"Until about 20 years ago, the treatment for the condition was open heart surgery. Mitral valve clipping is relatively a new procedure launched around 20 years ago. It has been available in India for the last 10 years," said Dr Rajesh Thachathodiyl, head of cardiology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi. In cases where open heart surgery is not suitable, a transcatheter mitral valve intervention is helpful. Mitral valve clipping is a non-surgical way of treating the leak in the mitral valve, through clipping. The clip closes the valve, stops the leakage and helps prevent or minimise the amount of regurgitation through the valve.

"Unlike traditional surgery, it doesn't require opening the chest. Rather, this is a keyhole procedure where the mitral valve is accessed with a thin tube (catheter) that is guided through a vein in your leg to reach the heart. One or two small clips are implanted in the valve cusps restricting the leak and restoring normal blood flow in the heart. It thereby improves mitral valve-related heart failure symptoms and quality of life in most patients," said Dr Dibya Ranjan Behera, senior consultant in cardiology at AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.

The procedure, technically, is called transcatheter edge-to-edge repair (TEER). "Earlier, the only option available to treat the damage in the mitral valve was open heart surgery to replace and repair the original valve with an artificial valve. Mitral valve clipping is a technology that replaces open heart procedure," said Dr Jacob George, senior cardiologist at Rajagiri Hospital, Ernakulam, adding that a small metal clip is implanted into the mitral valve via the vein in the leg to reach the heart.

"Mitral valve clipping is recommended for patients who are not fit for open cardiac surgery and for the ones whose heart's pumping ability is below 40%," said Dr Keshava R, senior director, interventional cardiology, Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru. "The procedure is done in the cath lab. We pass a kind of device through the vein in the leg all the way up to the heart and enter the heart. There is a mechanism to deliver the clip. We use clips to close the leakage in the mitral valves," said Dr Rajesh. Some patients may need two or three clips, while some people require only one clip. The procedure is a good option for the elderly population and people with comorbidities. "In elderly people, those who are at higher surgical risk and people with comorbidities like kidney disease or diabetes, open-heart surgery can be a problem because of its complications. These people can undergo the treatment very safely," he added.

"Mitral valve clipping is not feasible in all patients. Therefore, patient selection is very important. With the right patient, the treatment is highly effective," said Dr Jacob.

The whole procedure lasts about one or two hours. "As no complex procedure is involved in the treatment, the procedure will be completed in one to two hours. The patient can leave the hospital in two days and can return to normal life within a short span," Dr Rajesh added. The recovery period is low for the treatment. "Only minimal medications and follow-ups are required after the procedure," according to Dr Jacob, adding that the cost, compared to open heart surgery, is high.

"The cost is a big constraint. The treatment is available everywhere. However, a lot of people do not choose the treatment option due to the cost. Mitral valve clipping may cost around ₹20 lakh while the surgical (open heart) treatment costs only around ₹4 lakh - ₹5 lakh," said Dr Rajesh.

Dr Keshav said that the cost is a major issue in mitral valve clipping as the cost of the clip itself is over ₹20 lakh, and add to it surgical costs. "Sometimes, patients may need more than one clip to plug the leakage. As of now, we have only one company that is supplying the clips."

For people who have no cost constraint, this is a useful procedure. "As the recovery time required after the procedure is very less, people who have difficulty staying at the hospital or want to join work can avail of this treatment option," he added. The costs may come down gradually over the years once the treatment gains popularity, Dr Jacob added.

(With inputs from Hemant Kumar Rout @ Bhubaneshwar; Aknisree Karthik @ Bengaluru)

MYTH BUSTERS

Baby Shree Karan
on starting solid foods in infants

Infant feeding specialist and lactation counsellor

Myth 1: Babies need solid food before they are six months old

Fact: When a baby is breastfeed frequently, starting solid foods earlier than six months is not necessary and can even be harmful. It can increase the risk of illnesses like diarrhoea.

Myth 2: It's best to feed foods in puree form and cereals in a bottle

Fact: One of the reasons to introduce solid foods using a spoon is to teach the baby how to accept a bite of food in the mouth and use muscles in the mouth to work it backwards to the throat to swallow. Feeding foods using a bottle will not teach babies this skill. It may also cause the baby to eat too much calories and get a stomach upset. Moreover, introducing foods from a bottle does not help babies sleep at night any sooner.

Myth 3: Don't give nuts or non-veg until the baby turns one

Fact: Children can be fed non-veg food even from six months after getting a pediatrician's advice. Precautions should be taken while introducing foods that may be potentially allergic or contain allergens, and should be introduced only one at a time. Completely avoiding it for a year is also not recommended.

Myth 4: It's best to start with foods with bland flavour

Fact: Flavour is a good thing. It's important that babies are introduced to a wide variety of flavours and textures by the time they are nine months old, because it increases the chances of them accepting a wide variety of foods. For example, a pinch of cinnamon powder on a vegetable puree makes it yum.

Myth 5: Breastfeeding after a year doesn't provide nutrients

Fact: The World Health Organisation recommends a minimum of two years of breastfeeding. This helps in development as breast milk provides a lot of nutrients.

Myth 6: Formula milk can be added to solid food to enhance the taste

Fact: We should not use formulas in cooking food for babies, as mixing it with other foods will cause digestion issues.

Myth 7: Infants should consume a lot of fruit juices

Fact: This should be avoided as juices have increased sugar levels and the fibre content would also be lost. But, fresh fruits and purees are always recommended till 2 years.

—COMPILED BY SINDUJA JANE

Don't snooze, time to wake up to sleep issues

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

STRESS, modern life demands and a 24/7 work culture are taking a toll on the quality and quantity of sleep in individuals. As a result, sleep disorders are silently impacting health, productivity and overall well-being. Often overlooked, a good night's sleep is important to restore the body and improve energy levels.

Sleep disorders can be of different types and be caused by multiple factors. It is important to understand the prevalence, underlying causes, and potential solutions for the issue. "Today, nearly a quarter of the population in India suffers from sleep disorders. Sleep disorder is a medical condition that affects the normal pattern of sleep, leading to difficulties in falling asleep and staying asleep. There are different types of sleep disorders, and the most common is insomnia, in which a person finds it difficult to fall asleep, stay awake or go back to sleep after waking up too early. Stress, anxiety, depression, certain medications or an underlying medical condition can cause insomnia," said Dr Surbhi Chaturvedi, consultant neurologist and stroke specialist, TriLife Hospital, Bengaluru.

Another type of sleep disorder that affects many is sleep apnea, which pauses breathing during sleep. The two main types of sleep apnea are obstructive sleep apnea, caused by a blockage in the airway, and central sleep apnea, caused by a problem with the brain's signals to the muscles that control breathing, Dr Surbhi added.

Sleep disorders can also be caused by neurological disorders. "Restless legs syndrome (RLS) is a neurological disorder characterised by uncomfortable sensations in the legs, like tingling or itching, which worsens at night. Narcolepsy is another chronic neurological disorder which causes excessive daytime sleepiness, sudden episodes of muscle weakness or paralysis, vivid hallucinations and disrupted sleep at night." Another type is parasomnias, in which the person exhibits or experiences abnormal behaviours during sleep, like sleepwalking, sleep talking, nightmares or night terrors, she added.

XPLAINER

However, it's not the same being sleepy and suffering from sleep disorder. "A sleepy person is unable to stay awake and alert during the day, while a person suffering with a sleep disorder struggles with falling or staying asleep at night. Approximately 20-25% of the population suffers from excessive daytime sleepiness, which can significantly impact daily performance," Dr Surbi said. The recommended duration of sleep for adults is typically at least 7-8 hours at night. Our biological clock favours sleeping at night, compared to sleeping during the day when you're out of sync with your body clock. Hence, sleeping during the day is not a substitute for quality sleep at night.

"Insufficient sleep at night is the most common cause of excessive daytime sleepiness. Additionally, conditions such as obstructive sleep apnea and narcolepsy can contribute to this issue. The risk factors associated with excessive daytime sleepiness include medical conditions like heart failure, stroke, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as well as neurological disorders such as traumatic brain injury or Parkinson's disease. Lifestyle factors like substance abuse and certain occupations can also increase the risk. Obesity is another significant risk factor."

Treatment options for sleep disorders like insomnia include identifying and treating underlying medical conditions and practising good sleep hygiene. In some cases, therapy and medication may be prescribed. "If an individual is experiencing persistent sleep issues, it shouldn't be neglected. It is essential to consult with a healthcare professional for timely, proper evaluation and personalised treatment recommendation, as good sleep is a fundamental pillar of health and vitality for all of us," she added.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Deep Brain Stimulation offers hope in medication-resistant cases

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

IN recent decades, the demographics of people with Parkinson's disease (PD), which was once thought to primarily affect the elderly, have changed. Doctors suggest that in the last 25 years, the prevalence of the disease has doubled. In 2019, about 8.5 million people worldwide were reported to be affected with Parkinson's with 3.29 lakh deaths.

India faces a unique challenge – a younger average age of Parkinson's onset, often striking people a decade earlier, around 51-years of age. This has devastating consequences, affecting individuals during their peak earning years. Studies like the one conducted in Gujarat has revealed a prevalence of 42.3 per one lakh, highlighting a significant disease burden.

Experts are of the view that the treatment landscape for Parkinson's disease in India is undergoing a positive transformation with a mix of several treatment methodologies. Levodopa is still the principal medicine used for treatment due to its consistent efficacy since it was first introduced in the 1960s.

However, Dr Rajnish Kumar, director, neurology, Paras Health, Gurugram, said levodopa may cause patients to have dyskinesia, or excessive involuntary movements. Using common drugs to address these symptoms can be difficult.

For such medication-resistant cases with severe tremors or dyskinesia, deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgery has come as a beacon of hope. "We are now looking for advanced treatments like deep brain stimulation (DBS) surgery in these situations. DBS successfully lowers levodopa-induced dyskinesia and relieves Parkinson's disease symptoms," Kumar added.

What is Deep Brain Stimulation?

Deep brain stimulation (DBS) is a medical procedure which involves applying a small amount of electrical current to a particular area of your brain. This process makes current reach the brain through wires attached to a small device implanted beneath the skin, close to the collarbone. PD patients require brain computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to determine the ideal location for DBS lines. "Patients with PD who maintain a clear response to levodopa are candidates for DBS when motor complications cause disability or reduced quality of life, despite optimal oral levodopa or adjunctive therapies," said Dr Jyoti Bala Sharma, director – neurology, Fortis Hospital, Noida. Despite many advances, there is an affordability hurdle in undergoing DBS. "When it comes to Parkinson's, early diagnosis and timely beginning of suitable treatment are essential. While DBS can significantly improve a patient's quality of life, its high cost remains a major barrier for many," said Dr VP Singh, chairman, neurosurgery and neurosciences, Medanta, Gurugram

However, he added that exploring gene therapy and stem cell therapies in patients with Parkinson's hold promise for the future. Stem cells have the potential for self-renewal through unlimited replication, as well as the capacity to change into any cell type within the body. The ability to direct the fate of these cells to become a dopaminergic neuron potentially therefore offers a treatment option for Parkinson's disease," Dr Sharma said.

"Gene therapy involves knocking out the gene causing Parkinsonism. This is possible in certain types of Parkinson's disease that are associated with single gene defects," she added.

NEWS CAPSULES

IISc researchers design new compound to fight cancer

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have designed a synthetic compound (antigen) that can latch on to a protein in blood and hitchhike a ride to the lymph node, where it can boost the production of antibodies against cancer cells. The approach gives a new direction to develop vaccine candidates for a variety of cancers, the researchers say, according to a press release issued by the Bengaluru-based IISc on Monday. Inside the human body, cancer cells can weaken or shut down the production of antibodies that target and eliminate them. Developing a cancer vaccine, therefore, involves modifying or creating a mimic of an antigen found on the surface of cancer cells to turn up or turn on this antibody production.

Heart failure from cancer drugs may be preventable

Researchers have discovered new clues on how some common cancer drugs cause heart failure and this may open the way to treatments that let patients keep taking the drugs while preventing the damage. Millions of cancer patients take a class of chemotherapy medicines known as anthracyclines, but a third of them develop some degree of irreversible cardiac injury. In more than 5%, that injury leads to chronic heart failure, the researchers explained in a report published on Tuesday in JACC CardioOncology.

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DAY'S DIARY

Youtube's first upload

On this day in 2005, the first ever video on YouTube was uploaded. Since then it has emerged into a giant with millions of users

A ZOO SHOW

The first video shows YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of the elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo. It was titled 'Me at the zoo'

LOOMING BIG

By the summer of 2006, YouTube was serving more than 100 million videos per day, and the number of videos being uploaded to the site showed no sign of slowing down

GREAT DEAL

A year later, Karim and fellow co-founders Steve Chen and Chad Hurley sold the platform to Google for a whopping $1.65 billion

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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POOJA DAS

SMASH IT!

Go on a rampage and break some beer bottles, vases and TVs without a care at this rage room, one of the first such spaces in the city

ONE wrong word or action could break open a dam that people try to suppress on a daily basis. But what if you find a way to release the water before the floodgate breaks in an office full of colleagues or on the road? The Rage Room Bangalore attempts to offer one such way to Bengalureans who need to release some pent-up negative emotions in a safe and controlled manner.

Ananya Shetty, the visionary behind Rage Room Bangalore, identified a glaring need in the Indian market for innovative stress relief avenues. "Traditional stress relief methods weren't keeping pace with the rising urban stress levels, necessitating a novel approach that provided instant relief through physical activity," says Shetty, a psychology graduate. While rage rooms have been well-known globally since 2019 they're still picking up in India and Shetty says it's primarily due to the cultural stigma around expressing anger. "I've noticed a slow but positive change in perception, as more people are open to trying new methods of stress relief and even consider it a fun activity," shares Shetty.

ESCAPING URBAN STRESS

People get to rage in three different packages – Chill, Rampage and Funstorm – varying in prices ranging from ₹500 to ₹1,500. The basic package gives you 10 minutes to break beer bottles and cups while the highest package includes breaking vases, tube lights and other things for half an hour. Shetty highlights that she hopes that those who visit the rage room become more aware of their emotional states. And Shetty expects for it to give them an initial outlet of release. Kanishka Doshi, a working professional, sought out the space when she was going through a rough patch in life. "The rage came out, maybe not as much as I had expected. But it did feel good and it helped in processing whatever I was going through," she reflects, adding, "If there's someone who comes to me and says that nothing else is working out, then I would definitely suggest they do this. It doesn't really help you heal that much but it does let you release a lot of anger."

Shetty shares that the most common reasons for visiting include job stress and relationship issues, but a significant number also come simply to have fun, often as part of a novel date experience. One such couple, Anand Ramesh and Dr Anjali Nair, who wanted a new experience in the city, found it to be an adrenalin-fuelled experience. "It is this combination of dopamine, adrenaline and the soothing effect after releasing frustrations without harming anyone else in a safe environment that is great," says Ramesh who was unsure if doing this often could lead to an unhealthy pattern.

Rage rooms aren't for deep-seated anger management...but for alleviating everyday frustrations and enhancing self-awareness

– Ananya Shetty, founder, Rage Room Bangalore

NOT A PANACEA

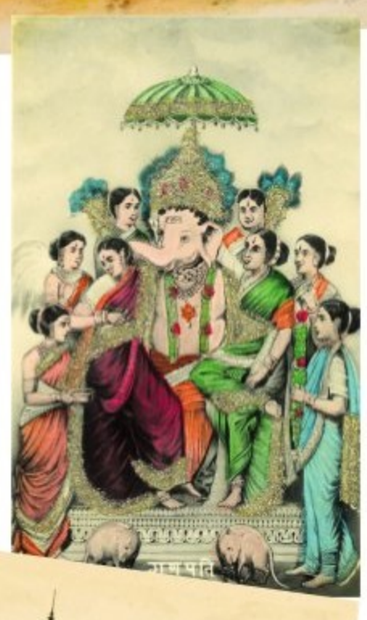
Ramesh's apprehensions were shared by the judges of *Shark Tank Season 3* when they rejected a pitch for a rage room in Hyderabad recently, believing that rage rooms cannot really help someone in managing anger issues. "The pitcher didn't effectively communicate the concept's benefits. Rage rooms aren't for deep-seated anger management, which indeed requires professional therapy, but for alleviating everyday frustrations and enhancing self-awareness," says Shetty.

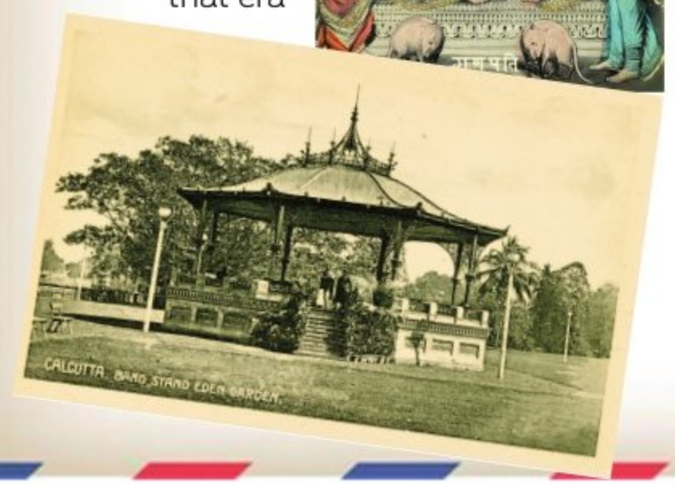
Tanya Kataria, a counselling psychologist in the city, acknowledges the potential of rage rooms in channelling anger away from harmful outlets. However, she underscores the importance of addressing deeper emotional layers. "Rage rooms can't substitute therapy but can complement everyday stress relief," Kataria asserts, further adding, "Even in therapy, when we don't have access to a rage room when they are really angry, we also help the client to punch the pillow or shout in the pillow. All of these techniques are used in therapy as well but again sometimes you need to go deeper."

WHY SO ANGRY?

Anger is one of those emotions that can creep up on you and lash out in unhealthy and unexpected ways. Last year, India registered over 4.5 lakh cases of road rage and rash driving, with a study identifying Karnataka as one of the red-hot road rage states. The urban lifestyle and the daily stress that comes with it have not helped any of us in finding healthy ways of venting out our rage

Postcards from the past





This postcard exhibition showcases an elaborate collection from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, providing a glimpse into the culture of that era

MONIKA MONALISA

IN the early 1900s, a postcard depicting the Bombay Bandstand was mailed with the message, "This is where the band played the music." It must have been an exciting day for the recipient, seeing the Bombay bandstand for the first time. An ongoing exhibition titled Hello & Goodbye at the Museum of Art & Photography, presents many such hidden gems.

The collection spans from the early 1800s to the 1940s, taking visitors through a visual journey through pre-Independence ndian history. Meghana Kuppa, one of the curators, explains, "By the early 20th century, postcards were being exchanged by the billions, covering various topics and themes. You have a lot of New Year's greetings, birthday wishes, and science but at the same time you see a lot of colonialism."

When postcards were introduced in the 1860s, they were simple black pieces of paper. "Only in the 1870s did you start seeing images and even then the image would not take up the entire space and you could only write your message on the front. That was a very strict rule to keep the reverse for the address," Kuppa adds, noting that the early 20th century witnessed mass production of postcards.

The idea of handwritten postcards has been highly romanticised over the years, yet there was once a time when postcards were typewritten. Some of these are difficult to trace since many publishing presses may not have listed them.

Most of the postcards in the collection were circulated worldwide. "This means that photos taken in India were primarily sent to printing presses in Germany, Austria, Saxony, Luxembourg, and other parts of Europe, then sold back to India. The buyers and sellers were mostly European elites, as picture postcards were somewhat expensive. Even when Indians exchanged them, it was usually among a niche crowd," Kuppa explains.

By the early 20th century, postcards were being exchanged by the billions, covering various topics and themes

– Meghana Kuppa, curator

It is unsurprising to discover that Taj Mahal postcards were popular among Europeans. "We received around 1,600 postcards, and out of each stack of 100 postcards we found 40 were of Taj Mahal," Kuppa reveals.

The letters on the postcards offer a window into people's cultural ideologies, with some expressing quite racial views towards India. For instance, describing a postcard of a notch girl dancing and two men playing musical instruments, one letter from a father to his son Donald in England read, "My Dear Donald, ...The girl in the centre dances, and sings a song, which sounds like a Trojan car that has had no oil for weeks. You don't know how lucky you are to live in England and not be able to hear any Indian music. Fondest Love, Daddy."

As you explore the exhibition, it becomes apparent that postcards were also used to spread political propaganda. "Just like social media, initially picture postcards started with landscapes, structures etc, but as time went by they started being used in the political environment," Kuppa notes.

(The exhibition will be on display till August 18 at the Museum of Art & Photography, Kasturba Road)

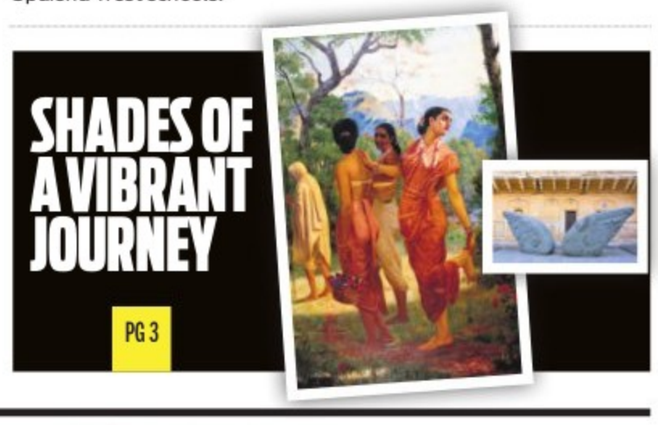
CITY READ

Dance and culture festival held

In celebration of dance and culture, Literary and Cultural Association of Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous organised the 17th edition of Nrityanjali - National Intercollegiate Dance Fest on April 20. The winners were St Joseph's University and the runners up were Dayananda Sagar University respectively. Professor TG Sitharam, chairman, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Ministry of Education, Government of India, was the chief guest and renowned Bharatanatyam exponent, Praveen Kumar P of Chithkala School of Dance, Bengaluru, was the guest of honour, respectively.

Students raise nearly ₹60 lakh for NGOs

Canadian International School (CIS) students have raised nearly ₹60 lakh for two local NGOs in Bengaluru. The two charities who benefitted from these donations were GreenSole Foundation and Sparsha Trust. Utilising a crowdfunding website, these middle and high school students mobilised their peers, family, and supporters to contribute towards the causes. A portion of the funds raised has been allocated to GreenSole Foundation, which provided essential 'back to school' packs for underprivileged students. Sparsha Trust provides education to boys and girls in need in the city. The funds raised by CIS students will be used toward food, healthcare, and educational support for the 220 women residents of one of the Sparsha Trust schools.



SHADES OF A VIBRANT JOURNEY

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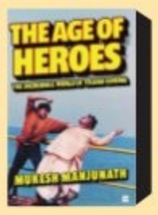
BOOK NOOK

Against Storytelling
By Amit Chaudhuri

The essays in this book, delivered originally as talks at a Literary Activism symposium, look again at the assumptions that underlie the way we think of storytelling and storytellers.

Before I Forget: A Memoir
By MK Raina

Harrowing and joyous, laced with humour and the spirit of coexistence, the book is a searing, heart-wrenching memoir of a Kashmiri forced to leave his home, who goes on to become a cultural figure and one of the greatest theatre actors of modern India.



The Age Of Heroes: The Incredible World of Telugu Cinema
By Mukesh Manjunath

The book looks at the historical-cultural factors that have produced cult heroes like NT Rama Rao, Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan-and Vijayashanti, who embody the concept of the female hero.

The Hormone Shift: A Decade-by-Decade Guide
By Dr Tasneem Bhatia

It breaks down exactly what is happening behind the scenes in a woman's body throughout her life and how almost every aspect of health is connected to hormones-from metabolism to mental health.

DIFFERENT STROKES

With summer holidays on, children learn to swim at a summer camp at Basavanagudi Swimming Pool on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICKFIX

CHEESE POTATO SANDWICH

INGREDIENTS

- **Sandwich bread:** 8 slices
- **Butter:** 100 g
- **Kitchen King masala:** 1/4 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Potato:** 4
- **Chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Methi leaves:** 1/4 tsp
- **Cheese slice:** 4
- **Dhania powder:** 1 tsp
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 1 tsp
- **Salt to taste**

METHOD

- Boil potatoes and mash them.
- Heat a heavy bottomed vessel, add 2 tablespoons of butter. Add cumin seeds.
- Combine all ingredients except cheese.
- Add the mixture in the kadai. Sauté till the raw smell leaves. Let it cool.
- Butter the bread slices. Spread the potatoes and place a cheese slice.
- Cover it with another buttered bread. Toast it in a tawa or toaster.
- Serve hot with tomato sauce.

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan**, Chennai

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.

I'm a working woman with two young daughters. I feel guilty that I'm unable to provide them holistic development.

Guilt is in-built into most women. There's an unconscious cultural bias at work, which drills guilt into us at almost every stage of our lives. There's an immense pressure to be good wives, daughters, mothers, and girlfriends. We want to do it all and have it all. The media shows us images of perfect women who manage their careers and homes effortlessly, further reinforcing the internalised gender stereotypes. Several studies show that women feel more parenting guilt than men. Parenting is a hard task — whether one is a working woman or a stay-at-home mom. No matter what we do, we have absolutely no control over how our children will eventually turn out. We can only hope for the best. Create some non-negotiable rituals like reading to them every night, and tucking them in. On the weekends do some fun activities and play sports with them. Remember, you're being a strong role model for your girls who will one day be proud of their financially independent mother who worked hard for herself, and them.

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FITBIT

ARDHA KAPOTASANA
(HALF PIGEON POSE)

This simple first stage of Half Pigeon Pose is an intermediate level pose, which requires some flexibility at the hips and back. The stretching of the chest upwards, resembles a pigeon puffing up its chest. Stretching of the various muscles in the practice is important to get the maximum benefit without causing any injury to the hip as they flex deep. It relieves stress and anxiety.

STEPS

- Start in Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Inhale, lift the left leg back. Exhale, bend the leg, bring it in front placing the knee in line with the palms and foot out towards the right edge of the mat and in front of the right hip.
- Slowly lower the hips and right leg down, drawing a straight line with your right leg towards the bottom edge of your mat, like a half split.
- Ensure the leg extended back is straight and in line with the hip. Sit upright by bringing your arms back towards your body.
- Press the fingers and palms to create a little support in your spine, lifting it to ensure that you're not collapsing into your hips but maintaining that lift, opening the chest, and breathing softly.
- Stay centered, pressing the top of the back foot for stability, bringing your awareness to the front of the right hip crease. Avoid rolling onto the outer edge of the left hip.
- Stay here, look down or in front, relax facial muscles, keep shoulders broad, drawn down and away from the ears, shoulder blades in and together, for about six breaths.
- Use a folded blanket, towel or block underneath the hip of the bent leg.
- Inhale, tuck your back toes in, lift your hips, and gently unfold the left leg to come back to Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Stay here and repeat the stretch with the other leg.

BENEFITS

- Stretches lower back, hip flexors, quadriceps, pelvic, psoas and piriformis muscles.
- Improves flexibility of the spine.
- Improves breathing at the upper diaphragm.
- Beneficial for asthma, cold, or other respiratory disorders.
- Excellent restorative practice.
- A combination of hip and heart opening practice.
- Improves the functioning of lungs and its capacity.
- Calms the nerves.
- Promotes a smooth flow of prana (energy), bringing a positive effect on the mind.
- Ensures outward flow of unwanted energy, apana vayu. Activates other Pancha vayus.
- Helps body-mind coordination.
- Therapeutic for trauma survivors and anxious or depressed students.
- Helps address issues related to sciatica.
- Treats hormonal imbalances, infertility, menstrual symptoms, or PCOS.
- Cures thyroid imbalances, balancing the Vishuddha Chakra.
- Massages and impacts the internal organs, helping easy digestion.
- Stimulates and cures urinary disorders.
- Regulates the fresh blood supply to the entire system.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with any injury in hips, groins, legs, ankles, and lower back, knees, ligament tear, worn down joints, or rheumatoid arthritis, undergone any recent abdominal, hips, knees, or lower back surgery, any injury or surgery to the wrists, elbows, neck, arms, or shoulders, and sacroiliac joint pain should avoid this.
- Those experiencing general body weakness, severe lower back pain, knee-arthritis, osteoporosis, heart problems, or HBP, seniors and pregnant women, should take it slow.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Leap Into Fun

Experience boundless energy and excitement at Sky Jumper Trampoline Park. Soar through the air and bounce to new heights with over 100 interconnected trampolines, designed for everyone from kids to adults.
WHEN: April 23, 11am
WHERE: Garuda Mall, Magrath Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Real Connections Await

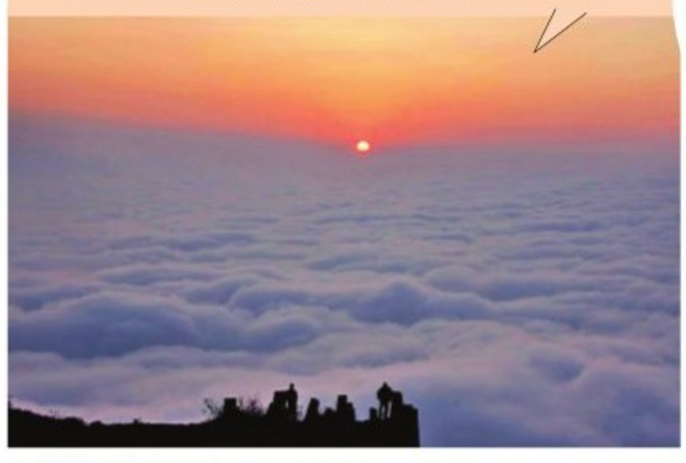
Swipe left on your dating apps and head out for a night of speed dating. Expect an evening of engaging conversations and potential sparks as you meet curated attendees through fun icebreakers and games. **WHEN:** April 24, 8pm **WHERE:** FLO Church Street
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sip and Savour

Step into the enchanting world of winemaking and explore the journey of grapes from vine to glass. Enjoy panoramic vineyard views, savour a glass of wine, and relax in luxurious settings.
WHEN: April 23, 11am
WHERE: Rico Park (Winery and Vineyard), Singanayakanahalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sunrise Adventure

Embark on an unforgettable sunrise trek through Skandagiri Hills. Guided by experienced professionals, enjoy breathtaking views and pristine nature as you hike. An ideal outing for adventure seekers looking to escape the city's bustle. **WHEN:** April 25, 11pm
WHERE: Pickup at Gopalan Arcade **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



FEEL THE GAME

Experience the thrill of live sports away from the stadium at Wanderers. Their giant screen and stadium-like acoustics are the next best thing to being at the game. Go for a night of cricket surrounded by other passionate fans.
WHEN: April 23, 7.30pm
WHERE: Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

MOULD YOUR MASTERPIECE

Unleash your creativity at this Pottery Workshop, regardless of your experience. With the help of skilled instructors learn the process of shaping your very own pottery pieces.
WHEN: April 23, 2pm
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

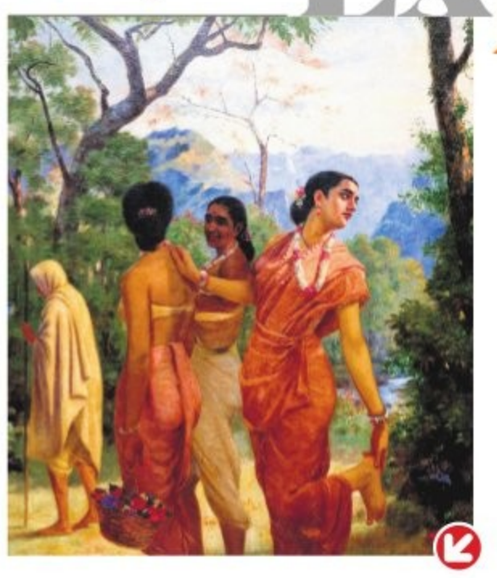
Laughs Guaranteed

Gather your crew or fly solo to Bistro Claytopia for a night filled with humour. Enjoy an evening of sharp wit and laughter as Bengaluru's funniest comedians take the stage, complemented by great food and drinks.
WHEN: April 23, 8pm **WHERE:** Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

TOGETHER WE CAN!

An artwork by Prathviraj Rupavath being showcased as part of a group show Climate Recipes at Dhi Contemporary, Hyderabad



IS A THING OF BEAUTY A JOY FOREVER?

Art once strutted around in its finest attire, luring everyone with its charm. Nature, pretty women, endearing family portraits, divinity in its resplendent best – artists were preoccupied with these choices of beauty. If grandmaster Van Gogh painted the brilliance of sunflowers and fields of gold, Renoir painted luncheon parties and beautiful women on a lazy lakeside while Michelangelo busied himself with stories from the Bible at the Sistine Chapel. Back home, Raja Ravi Varma captured for eternity, exotic doe-eyed Indian women from noble households and deities that continue to bless us from calendars hung on our fading walls. Contemporary times have snipped away these frills and fancies and beauty is no longer the priority; profundity and substance are. Doesn't matter if the human form is contorted beyond recognition of the species it belongs to, or if a single line in red is proclaimed a masterpiece. What ideas coursed through the veins of the creator whilst producing this, is what counts. Pleasing visuals today go beyond the skills of composition to narrate their layers of meaning.

SHADES OF A VIBRANT JOURNEY

What really is art? Is it the Tanjore painting you inherited from your grandmother? Or is it the splash of colours on a canvas that sold for millions, making your jaw drop to the ground with a thud? Could it be the lovely scenery that your child brought home from art class? It is all of this and more. During World Art Month, **Jitha Karthikeyan** looks at art's long journey; the then and the now

DEFINING ART

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Present-day artists may not agree. For, it is the title of their artworks that arouses one's curiosity, sometimes necessitating a quick search of the dictionary. A visit to any art museum that houses artworks from another century may be taxing on one's feet and weary to one's eyes on encountering too much allure, but it never challenges your vocabulary. The title, generally, says it all. The Girl with A Pearl Earring by Vermeer, The Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh, Water Lilies by Monet, The Mill by Rembrandt, Shakuntala by Raja Ravi Varma.... it couldn't be simpler to understand or define. And now, sample these – The Perversions of Empire: The Microphone Connections, Arrested Image of a Dream - Stone Wings (b), and Forensic Trail of the Grand Banquet....these are titles of contemporary artworks that first, need to be interpreted and then, connected to the visual, with the latter effort failing at most times for an art-unfamiliar audience. When art evolved from its perfect rendering of the world around it, and conceptual art took over, then it simply wasn't enough to be plain and straight. The title had to be an artwork by itself — complex and indecipherable. Even the iconic Mona Lisa would not have been spared the tongue twisters today and would, in all probability, have been called 'Time and Space in the delusion of a smile'!

WOMEN IN ART

The most welcomed change that art has seen in its evolution is the participation of women. As if art would corrupt an otherwise pure damsel, women were never allowed to study art nor encouraged to practise it. Ironically, the same society found nothing wrong with male artists using women as their muses, often even portraying them nude! Ever since these restrictions were broken, women stormed the arena and the world now boasts of many brilliant female artists although it must be admitted that gender equality about opportunities and pricing is still not a reality.

Kintsugi for the broken heart

LOVEOLOGY

Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

KINTSUGI, a Japanese philosophy and art form from the 15th century of the common era, is about repairing precious but broken ceramic items with gold, making them more beautiful and at the same time, highlighting the fractures that were there. Like many other very Japanese ways of life such as ikigai, kaizen, and others, kintsugi has become a globally known phrase, even if not an actively practiced art form. Not everybody has access to that much liquid gold to mend broken pottery, for one. However, the philosophy of mending broken things and making them even more beautiful in the process has taken root.

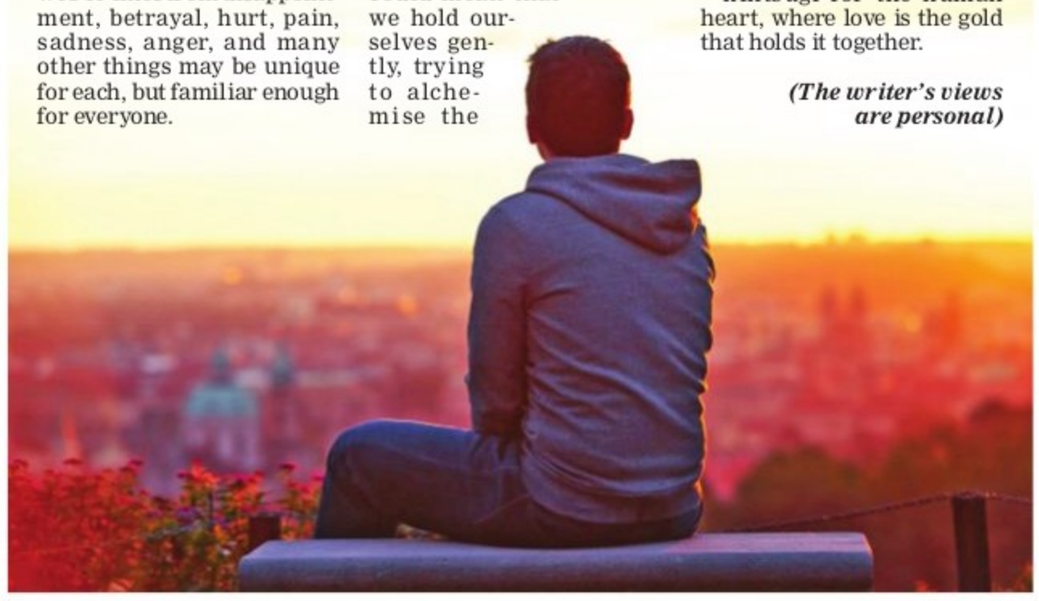
In the context of love and relationships, it has especially found a lot of resonance because, let's face it, few things more precious than one's heart can get broken in life. It is hard to describe to anyone who hasn't had their heart broken what it feels like when you do get your heart broken, and yet, anyone who has had their heart broken knows what that is like even though a heart breaks in a million different ways. The pattern of the cracked web of lines from disappointment, betrayal, hurt, pain, sadness, anger, and many other things may be unique for each, but familiar enough for everyone.

Mending any broken thing whole is a whole lot of mindful effort, and a broken heart needs much more of it.

Kintsugi requires us to not wash over the veins of pain but to hold and highlight them. We cannot just plaster over it, pour large amounts of concrete or white cement, or staple it together with bits of hard metal, causing even more punctures and wounds in the process of holding things together. We are to pay attention to each little crack, gently piecing it together, lightly filling it with just enough to hold – not so much that it takes over and changes the original character, but just enough to bring it together. For broken hearts, it could mean that we hold ourselves gently, trying to alchemise the pain and hurt with understanding and love, making it mean something more, creating a purpose for it in the larger scheme of things. Every single bit needs to be attended to, there cannot be anything left as-is unless it serves some new mindful purpose.

Sometimes, just the effort to mend can become so frustrating that one feels tempted to sweep it all away, letting it crash into one big, unrepairable mess that one just wants to throw away. If it were just bits of pottery, however precious, we might end up doing that, but with our broken hearts, even if we let it be, sooner or later, we have to pick up the pieces. We carry it around being and bleeding anyway, and the shards of our brokenness end up wounding us and others over and over, till we are just alone altogether, or we gather enough love for ourselves to put our heart back together – kintsugi for the human heart, where love is the gold that holds it together.

(The writer's views are personal)



NUGGETS

Breakfast menu brings taste of Mumbai to B'luru

SodaBottleOpenerWala, an Irani cafe has launched a new Bombay Breakfast Club menu, representing the breakfast traditions of Mumbai. The menu is now available at all its outlets in the city on the weekends from 9am to 11.30am. From Parsi classics like the akuri to an egg white souffle omelette, there's an egg for everyone on the menu. Also on offer are the Persian sausage eggs, poached eggs served with cheesy sumac yoghurt, chilli butter and masala chicken sausage. Accompanying this are bun basics like bun maska and fluffy pav along with iconic dishes like pav bhaji. Diners will also have a range of beverages to chose from including, mawa shake, classic cutting chai, and more. For details, contact 70222 55299.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, (OLD NAME) ANJUM SAHAR residing at No.418, Syedwadi, Channapatna Town- 562-160, Ramanagaram District, Karnataka. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ANJUM SAHAR** to **(NEW NAME) ANJUM SAHER** vide affidavit dated 22.04.2024 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) RAJAMANI K,** Father of NO.16114262Y SPR MEDAPPA.K.R, Residing at Ivathokulu (Vill), Karugunda (Post), Medikeri (Taluk), Kodagu (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 571201, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KOTHOLI RAJAMANI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1953** to **20.05.1957,** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAXMI,** Mother of NO.15331752W L/HAV MARUTI CHALAVENATTI, Residing at Agasage (Vill), Kodoli (Post), Belgaum (Tehsil), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591143, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LAXMI LAXMAN CHALAVENATTI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1955** to **12.04.1947,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **G.AMRUTA** is legally wedded spouse No.14233423N, Ex-Nk G.HARINATHA REDDY, residing at Flat No.B207, Druva Daffodils, Varthur, Sarjapur Main Road,Gunjur, Bengaluru 560087, have changed my name from **G.AMRUTA** to **GORANTLA AMRUTHA**, vide Affidavit Dated: 22/04/2024, sworn before Notary **S.SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HUMERA BEGUM KHADEER** W/o **Nadeem Jan Sahib Jan** Holder Passport No. L9534499 R/at No.20. Mubeena House, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005, have changed my name to **HUMERA BEGUM** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED SABIR ALI KHAN** Holder Passport No. R/at Flat No. 74, Mango Garden Layout Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru- 560062, have changed my minor child name from **SHAIMA MANAL** to **SHAIMA MANAL KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUNIRATHNAMMA W/o A Muniyappa. D/o Lakshmaiah aged about 50 years R/at #104/1 neriga Bangalore. District, have changed my name from **Mullakantamma to MUNIRATHNAMMA,** vide affidavit dated 20/4/2024 sworn to before K.C.Gowthami advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**STEVE RICHARD.J** S/o JESU ANTHONY SWAMY R/a #34,8th Main,11th Cross Munireddy Layout,Near Nethaji Road,Hoysala Nagar,Bengaluru-560016.I Have Changed My Name From **STEVE RICHARD** to **STEVE RICHARD J**.Vide Affidavit Date: 16.04.2024.Sworn Before Notary:C.V.Earappa.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SATHYANARAYANA RAO UDAYA KUMAR**, R/o #46, Shree Balaji Layout Singapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru - 560097, declares that my correct name is **SATHYANARAYANA RAO UDAYA KUMAR**, not **SATYANARAYANA RAO UDAY KUMAR** and my father's correct name is **SATHYANARAYANA RAO**, not **SATYANARAYANA RAO,** as mentioned by mistake in my passport, vide affidavit dated 20.04.2024, sworn before notary D.G.Shanthappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) THARAMANI K R,** Mother of NO. 16114262Y SPR MEDAPPA K R, Residing at Ivathokulu (Vill), Karugunda (Post), Medikeri (Taluk), Kodagu (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 571201, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) THARAMANI RAJAMANI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1958** to **15.04.1956,** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) LAXMAN,** Father of NO.15331752W L/HAV MARUTI CHALAVENATTI, Residing at Agasage (Vill), Kodoli (Post), Belgaum (Tehsil), Belgavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591143, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LAXMAN NINGAPPA CHALAVENATTI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1953** to **01.01.1949** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MANASA SHANMUGAM** W/o Dimpu Sagar N, D/o Shanmugam, age 33 years, R/at No. 324, Nirmala Sagar, 5th Main, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 079 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **MANASA SHANMUGAM, MANASA S, V.S. MANASA** and **MANASA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANASA SHANMUGAM @ MANASA .S, V.S. MANASA & MANASA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED SABIR ALI KHAN** Holder Passport No. W2768362 R/at Flat No. 74, Mango Garden Layout Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru- 560062, have changed my minor child name from **MYSHA FALAK** to **MYSHA FALAK KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **UMA GOPAL** R/at No. 519 10 th Main Road M C Layout Vijaynagar Bengaluru- 560040 have changed my name to **SRINIVASAIAH UMA GOPAL** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **K V Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sarita Menezes, W/o. Mr.Ashley Menezes, R/at 11/1, SBI Officers Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore - 560079. I hereby declare that **Sarita Menezes, Sarita Marcelline Caroline Misquith, Sarita M Misquith, Sarita Marceline Misquith, Sarita Misquith** is one and the same person. I would henceforth like to be called as '**SARITA MENEZES**'. Vide affidavit dated 19th April 2024, sworn before Advocate & Notary Guna Shekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HITHERTO known as **SUCHINDRA** D/o Faqir Singh, W/o Saurabh Jha, employed as Wing Commander in the Indian Air Force Permanent Resident of-Village Kesho Nagar Dhira, Opposite Happy Modern School, Post & District : Pathankot, Punjab-145001, Present Resident of OMQ 37/2, Air Force Station, Chimney Hills, Hesaraghatta Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560090, have changed my name as **SUCHINDRA SINGH** vide affidavit No.IN-KA87112664627258W date 20.04.2024 sworn before Notary T.V.Bhadravijaya Bengaluru Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARSHIYA KHAN, resident of No. 1/D, 16/2, 1st Floor, Fayazabad, Kanakanagar, Bangalore South, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARSHIYA AZMI** to **ARSHIYA KHAN**, vide affidavit dated 20.04.2024, sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) REGI,** Mother of NO. JC- 309594A SUB JUBY JOSE Residing at House NO. 31/15, 1st Floor Kothandrama Layout, Ulsoor Lake Shivan Chetty Garden, Bangalore, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) REJI JOSE,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1956** to **15.12.1955,** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIDHARA CHANDRA SHEKHARAIAH,** S/o, Chandra Shekharaiah, Aged about 48 years, Residing at, Flat F2, No.165, Vaibhav Grand Palace, 10th Main, Opp. Chord Road Club, M C Layout, Bangalore North, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **SRIDHARA** (Old Name) to **SRIDHARA CHANDRA SHEKHARAIAH** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:22.04.2024, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **S.N. Madhu,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LITHIKSH MADHU GOWDA,** R/o No. 66, Coconut Avenue Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MADHU G** to **LITHIKSH MADHU GOWDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LITHIKSH MADHU GOWDA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR N. KAGAWAD**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **REENA TRIPATHI** resident of No. 102/2, R A Nilaya Apartment, Flat No. 302A, Ashwathnagar, RMV 2nd Stage PO, Bengaluru- 560094, have changed my minor son's Name from **RUDRANSH** to **RUDRANSH TRIPATHI** vide Affidavit dated 20-04-2024 before Notary **N PERUVAZHUTHI,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Devendra K Hosur**, Aged about 39 years, R/o. # 1238, 2nd Floor, 4th Main, 4th Cross, BDA Layout, 1st Block, BTM 4th Stage, DC Halli, Bangalore - 581 355, do hereby declare that the names **Devendra Madival, Devendra M** and **Devendra K Hosur** all belongs to me and pertains to me only. Vide affidavit dated 24.04.2024 sworn to before N.H. Poornima, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YATHISH M., S/o. Muniyappa, Aged about 57 years, residing at # 28, 2nd Cross, Shivananda Nagara, Near Vijaya Bank, Mudalapalya, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560072, have changed my name from **YATHEESHA MUNIYAPPA** to **YATHISH M,** vide affidavit dated 22/4/2024 sworn to before Prakasha.C advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POORNIMA A YELAMALI.** W/o. AnilKumar R Yelamali, Age 50 years, Residing at No109, Aarush Arya Apartment, Uttarahalli Kengeri Main Road, Channasandra Rajarajeshwari-Nagar, Bengaluru-98. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YELAMALI POORNIMA TO POORNIMA A YELAMALI.** vide affidavit dated 20/04/2023 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAYAMALA THOMAS,** W/o, Shri. Sanjay Pillay, aged about 50 years, Residing at, Flat No.A2-202, Golden Palms Apartment, Off Hennur Main Road, Near Kristu Jayanthi College, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560077, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **JAAYYA PILLAYY** (Old Name) to **JAYAMALA THOMAS** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:22.04.2024, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **S.N. Madhu,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAKSHMIPATHY .N,** S/o Narasimha Reddy G.P, R/at No. 130, Guttenahalli Village, Namagondalu Post, Gowribidanuru Taluk, Chikkaballapura District-561 206, now at Bengaluru City do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAKSHMIPATHI .N** to **LAKSHMIPATHY .N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAKSHMIPATHY .N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. RAMEGOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMINA SABHA** D/o **Nadeem Jan Sahib Jan** Holder Passport No. T3628871 R/at No.20. Mubeena House, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005, have changed my name to **AAMINAH SABA** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHABEENA TAJ** W/o **Sattar Siraj Ahmed** Holder Passport No: M4687728 R/at Flat 101, No.59/2, 1st Floor, Saphire Avenue, 3rd Cross Road, Benson Town 7Plates Restaurant, Bengaluru- 560046 have changed my name to **SHABEENA TAJ SIRAJ** vide affidavit dated: 22/4/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Prabhanjan R Deshpande**, S/o. Raghavendra Deshpande, Aged 22 years, Residing at # 147/1-1, Saasta Residency, 7th Cross, 6th Main Road, Near Daffodils English School, P and T Colony, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Pavan R. Deshpande** to **Prabhanjan R Deshpande** vide affidavit dated 22.04.2024 sworn to before Veena .K, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,Mr.**JOHN** S/o MOSES @ HARRY R/a No.62,Kuvempunagar Anekal Bengaluru Urban District-562106.I Have Changed My Name From Mr.**YESUDAS** to Mr.**JOHN**.Vide Affidavit Date:19.04.2024.Sworn Before Notary:S.Jayanna.

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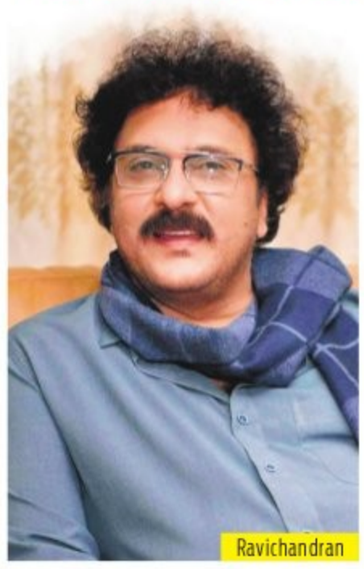
Ravichandran

The actor talks about the preparation from his end for his father Ravichandran's directorial of Premaloka 2, which has been in the works for some time. He is also simultaneously in discussion for a couple of other projects

A SHARADHAA

THERE has been constant buzz about Crazy Star Ravichandran's sequel to *Premaloka*, the rom-com that came out 37 years ago. Ravichandran is preparing for *Premaloka 2* and is going all out to make it much bigger and better. Back in the day, the original film, directed by and starring Ravichandran, marked the debut of Juhi Chawla in Kannada and brought in a huge ensemble cast, including a few top stars (Vishnuvardhan, Prabhakar, Lokesh) of that era. The romantic drama, which was also a musical entertainer, had as many as 11 songs, which this generation of audiences still enjoy. Now, the actor-director plans to compose 25 songs, a process that is underway. While the preparation for *Premaloka 2* is going on in full swing, he also made an announcement about the commencement of the project, on his birthday, May 30. Simultaneously, Ravichandran had also mentioned that his elder son Manoranjan is playing the lead, with himself and his second son, Vikram Ravichandran, playing pivotal characters. Recently, CE spoke to Manoranjan Ravichandran about the much-talked-about project, and he shared his two cents about his preparations for the film and making it.

"I am just getting ready, and going by my father's words, I am doing dance practice and rigorous exercise," reveals Manoranjan. "My father is very particular about the preparation, and the first step in it is to lose weight. He is keeping track of me every day or at least on a weekly basis, especially on my exercise and dance rehearsals," he adds.

About the excitement surrounding *Premaloka 2*, the actor says, "The film comes with plenty of expectations even before it even goes on floors, but it is not easy for me to do as well as he did in *Premaloka*. It's been over 37 years since the original *Premaloka* released, and people still remember it and the songs in the film. It is going to take a lot of hard work and performance of mine for people to like me in *Premaloka 2*."

About the original, the excitement surrounding its sequel, and his preparation for its production, the actor says, "Not that *Premaloka* will be forgotten; it is an evergreen classic, but they should at least see and appreciate that I have put in my hard work for the sequel. Of course, there is excitement because *Premaloka* is a big title to be a part of. I am still getting cold feet and counting down to the announcement date. I am not allowed to be on social media, nor am I allowed to be seen everywhere for another month until May 30."

He admits that he is not getting into too many details day in and day out with his father and how the script is shaping up because the latter is still working on it.

Apparently, apart from *Premaloka 2*, Manoranjan is also working on finalising a couple of projects, which he plans to reveal more about once the time is right. Once everything falls into place, he plans to simultaneously do those projects as well. "I have not been on film sets over the last three years, after Prarambha, and I am working on making a comeback this year. There were a lot of complaints that I have put on weight and have issues with body language, and I am working on how I look on screen. Now, I will be making sure that there will not be any complaints about my looks or weight when I come back on screen."

Manoranjan

Bhavana Menon

The *Tagaru* and *Bhajarangi* actor will be sharing screen space alongside the Century Star for the third time, which also stars Dhananjay, and is bringing in Aishwarya Rajesh as its headliner

Bhavana Menon to collaborate with Shivarajkumar again with in *Uttarakaanda*

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UTTARAKAANDA, starring Daali Dhananjay and Shivarajkumar, is currently on floors, and the team behind the film has been introducing the various actors and their characters in it. Rohit Padaki's gangster drama is set in North Karnataka. The makers are roping in South Indian actor Aishwarya Rajesh as the female lead in the film, which will mark her Kannada debut, opposite Dhananjay. Meanwhile, the latest development is that Bhavana Menon is sharing screen space with Shivarajkumar in this action-packed commercial entertainer; the hit pair of *Tagaru* and *Bhajarangi 2* will be back with it. *Jackie* heroine Bhavana will be working with Shivanna for the third time with *Uttarakaanda*, which marks her first collaboration with KRG Studios. An official announcement of Bhavana's role and regarding Aishwarya Rajesh's involvement in the film will be made soon by the production house. The team, bringing a star-studded cast for the film jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, also has Bollywood music director Amit Trivedi making his Kannada debut and Advaitha Gurumurthy as the cinematographer.

Shivarajkumar

Umashree joins the cast of Uttarakaanda

While Diganth has been roped in to play Mallige in Uttarakaanda, opposite Chaithra Achar's Lachchi, the makers have also roped in director-turned-actor Yogaraj Bhat as Patila and Gopal Krishna Deshpande, who will also be appearing in a pivotal role. Now, the latest to join the cast is senior actor Umashree, the National Award-winning actor who has previously collaborated with KRG Studios and Rohit Padaki's film *Rathnan Prapancha*. The Rohit Padaki film, which got a straight-to-OTT release, and Umashree's character, in particular her combination with Dhananjay, were well received. Now, she is set to play another interesting role as Pandari Bhai in Uttarakaanda. According to the team, Umashree is set to play a grandmother role in the film, which is said to be an interesting character and will be one of the highlights of *Uttarakaanda*.

Ravike Prasanga OTT release date out

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THE critically acclaimed film *Ravike Prasanga* will drop on Amazon Prime Video on April 23. Santhosh Kodenkari's directorial is based on a story written by his wife, Pavana, and revolves around the protagonist's played by Geetha Bharathi. Geetha plays Sanvi Sampaje, an unmarried woman who wishes to wear a designer blouse, and the film explores the issues that stem from it. In an earlier conversation with CE, Santhosh had talked about Ravike Prasanga, the great level of importance that women attach to their blouses, and how the film explores what happens when a blouse design goes wrong. This aspect becomes the soul of the film, sparking debates on various issues surrounding blouses, including the psychological pain, societal perceptions, and dreams of women.

The film also features Suman RanganathRakesh Maiyya, Padmaja Rao, Krishna Murhti Kaatar, Praveen Atharva, Kushi Achar, and Rahu Padeshwar, among others. Produced by Drusti Media and Productions, *Ravike Prasanga* features music by Vinay Sharma and cinematography by Muralidhar N.

Geetha Bharathi Bhat

The Sabarmati Report gets a new release date

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ON Monday, it was announced that the release date of Vikrant Massey's upcoming film, The Sabarmati Report, has been pushed to August 2 . It was earlier set to release on May 3 but as Balaji Motion Pictures, submitted the film for censor certification, they were told to release it after the ongoing Lok Sabha elections as they could face problems due to Model Code of Conduct.

Directed by Ranjan Chandel (Bamfaad (2020), Grahan(2021)), the film also stars Raashii Khanna and Ridhi Dogra in pivotal roles. According to reports, the film revolves around journalists who are investigating the 2002 incident in Gujarat, where a mob allegedly set fire to several carriages of the Sabarmati Express in Godhra.

The Sabarmati Report is produced by Shobha Kapoor, Ektaa R Kapoor, Amul V Mohan, and Anshul Mohan.

'TEARS AND LAUGHTER EMERGE FROM THE SAME PLACE'

Rajpal Yadav speaks about his latest OTT release Kaam Chalu Hai, his understanding of comedy and why he feels it is like a game of cricket

SHREYAS PANDE

THERE is a certain middle-class charm in the comedy of Rajpal Yadav that makes it relatable. Working largely in multi-starrers and acting as an agent of comic relief, Yadav has always stood apart through his scenes, most of which have become singularly memorable. Be it his energetic portrayal of a fisherman getting entangled in petty lies in Priyadarshan's *Chup Chup Ke* (2006) or the blabbering pandit who loses it when he sees a ghost in *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* (2007), he is inimitable in his ability to create hilarious spectacles.

What truly elevates his screen presence is an acute understanding of physical comedy, where along with the delivery of dialogues, his facial expressions and body movements add an extra layer to the humour. However, his virtues are not just restricted to comic roles. His recently released, Kaam Chalu Hai, on ZEE5, has him playing a serious role that is based on a real-life person. In a pivotal scene in the film, we see Manoj Patil, played by Yadav, sitting near the pothole which killed his daughter. Again, he expresses the pain felt by the character without saying a word. Speaking about the scene, he says that he was worried that people would laugh at it as they are not used to seeing him in serious films. For that reason, he had to make sure that there is authenticity in his expression. "It is really an important scene in the film. It is a moment when even your tears dry up and nothing remains to say." He feels that certain aspects in acting are instinctive and it is difficult to put the process into words. "The motive is just to make sure that if I have to make you laugh, I am able to fulfil that completely and, whenever there's a chance to touch your heart during a vulnerable moment, I should be able to achieve that as well."

Rajpal Yadav

A still from *Kaam Chalu Hai*

Further, he doesn't believe in the dichotomy of comedy and tragedy. For him, they come from the same place. "Jahan se aansu hai, vahi se hansi hai (Tears emerge from the same place from where laughter does)," the actor says. "Just as tears cannot be faked, similarly, laughter cannot be made up. A fake smile can be easily caught and it can break the rhythm of the scene completely."

Comic timing is like a game of cricket, according to Yadav. "It is like hitting the ball at the right time," he says. "If you are able to make the right impact at the right moment, the ball will hit the boundary. Otherwise, you will be bowled. In comedy too, you either fall flat or strike the right note; there is no in-between. If timing is understood, then one can hit a century in every match, just like Tendulkar." He credits reading books and observing people for making him a better actor. "If someday, I hit a century, I have to wake up and start from zero the next day. That's where I try to keep myself up-to-date with the changing times, both as an actor and a human being."

Along with that, it is also important for him as an actor to work in films that are bringing stark reality to the forefront. This is his second collaboration with Palaash Muchhal after *Ardh* (2022), which told the story of a struggling actor in Mumbai who dresses up as a transgender and asks for money. Working in *Kaam Chalu Hai* was crucial as he has a personal connection to potholes. He met with an accident due to a pothole on the street, when he was a child, leading to a fracture. He says that every Indian has complained about potholes at some point in life and yet little has changed. "There are various reasons why potholes exist and through this film, we are trying to say that, if we take it upon ourselves to fill these potholes, then a lot can happen."

Yadav finds it necessary to create a balance of entertainment and social relevance in films. "I am a commercial actor. Ninety percent of my films have a huge cast and are meant to be complete entertainers," he says. "Apart from being an actor, I am also a citizen and everyday things affect me. And some films give me a chance to experiment and put in extra effort. In the times of flourishing entertainment with Instagram influencers and reels, having this alternate voice in films becomes crucial," he signs off.